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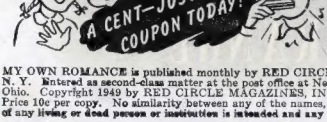

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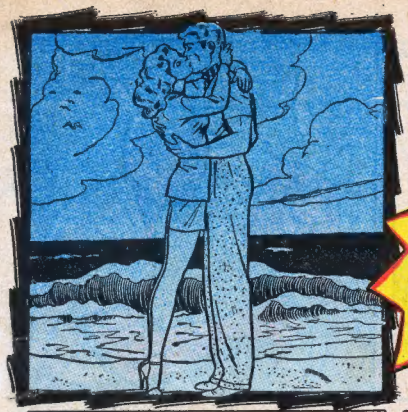

EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL BETWEEN JACK AND ME EXCEPT THAT JACK HAD A FRIEND! A VERY STRANGE KIND OF FRIEND... A FRIEND WHO TRANSFORMED MY DREAMS OF HAPPINESS INTO...

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...I HAVE JUST KILLED A MAN! I KNEW IT WOULD HAPPEN, SOONER OR LATER...THAT THIS MAN WOULD DIE VIOLENTLY! I SUPPOSE YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT LED TO THIS? WELL, I'LL TELL YOU...TELL YOU A STORY OF LOVE AND HATE, THAT ENDED IN...DEATH!

I AM A DANCER! I, LOUISE TURNER, HAD BEEN DOING A SOLO IN THE MIRAMAR, A NIGHT CLUB NEAR HOLLYWOOD, OWNED BY JACK DENTON!

HEY, LOU, ISN'T IT KIND OF HOT TO BE REHEARSING TODAY?

OH, HELLO, JACK!

LISTEN, KID, LET'S TAKE A WALK...I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

YOU'RE THE BOSS, JACK! I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU!

JACK AND I WALKED TOWARD THE BEACH! I COULD SEE THAT HE HAD SOMETHING ON HIS MIND AND I WAS HOPING THAT HE WASN'T GOING TO FIRE ME, BECAUSE I LIKED MY JOB AND...I LIKED JACK, TOO...LIKED HIM A LOT!

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, JACK?

LOU, YOU'VE BEEN HERE ONLY...WELL, ABOUT A MONTH NOW...AND I LIKE YOUR ROUTINE FINE, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE CLUB IF WE HAD A TEAM ACT!

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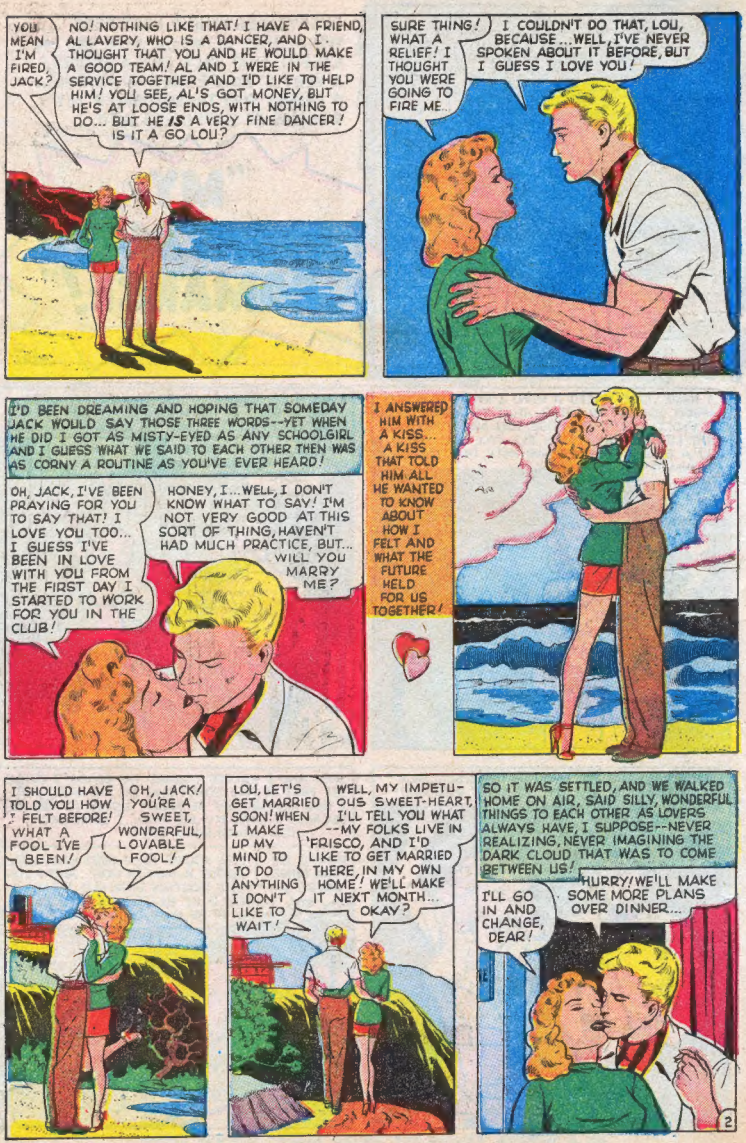
YOU MEAN I'M FIRED, JACK?
NO! NOTHING LIKE THAT! I HAVE A FRIEND, AL LAVERY, WHO IS A DANCER, AND I THOUGHT THAT YOU AND HE WOULD MAKE A GOOD TEAM! AL AND I WERE IN THE SERVICE TOGETHER AND I'D LIKE TO HELP HIM! YOU SEE, AL'S GOT MONEY, BUT HE'S AT LOOSE ENDS, WITH NOTHING TO DO... BUT HE IS A VERY FINE DANCER! IS IT A GO LOU?
SURE THING! WHAT A RELIEF! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO FIRE ME.
I COULDN'T DO THAT, LOU, BECAUSE...WELL, I'VE NEVER SPOKEN ABOUT IT BEFORE, BUT I GUESS I LOVE YOU!
I'D BEEN DREAMING AND HOPING THAT SOMEDAY JACK WOULD SAY THOSE THREE WORDS--YET WHEN HE DID I GOT AS MISTY-EYED AS ANY SCHOOLGIRL AND I GUESS WHAT WE SAID TO EACH OTHER THEN WAS AS CORNY A ROUTINE AS YOU'VE EVER HEARD!
OH, JACK, I'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR YOU TO SAY THAT! I LOVE YOU TOO... I GUESS I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU FROM THE FIRST DAY I STARTED TO WORK FOR YOU IN THE CLUB!
HONEY, I...WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT THIS SORT OF THING, HAVEN'T HAD MUCH PRACTICE, BUT... WILL YOU MARRY ME?
I ANSWERED HIM WITH A KISS... A KISS THAT TOLD HIM ALL HE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW I FELT AND WHAT THE FUTURE HELD FOR US TOGETHER!
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU HOW I FELT BEFORE! WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!
OH, JACK! YOU'RE A SWEET, WONDERFUL, LOVABLE FOOL!
LOU, LET'S GET MARRIED SOON! WHEN I MAKE UP MY MIND TO TO DO ANYTHING I DON'T LIKE TO WAIT!
WELL, MY IMPETUOUS SWEET-HEART, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT --MY FOLKS LIVE IN 'FRISCO, AND I'D LIKE TO GET MARRIED THERE, IN MY OWN HOME! WE'LL MAKE IT NEXT MONTH... OKAY?
SO IT WAS SETTLED, AND WE WALKED HOME ON AIR, SAID SILLY, WONDERFUL THINGS TO EACH OTHER AS LOVERS ALWAYS HAVE, I SUPPOSE--NEVER REALIZING, NEVER IMAGINING THE DARK CLOUD THAT WAS TO COME BETWEEN US!
I'LL GO IN AND CHANGE, DEAR!
HURRY! WE'LL MAKE SOME MORE PLANS OVER DINNER...
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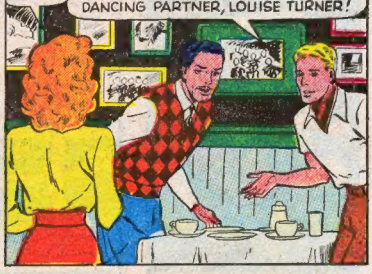
LATER THAT EVENING, WE TALKED AND PLANNED.. IDYLLIC PLANS SUCH AS DREAMERS DO MAKE! THEN I WENT TO BED AND LAY AWAKE IN MY ROOM, FIGHTING SLEEP BECAUSE IT WOULD FOR A LITTLE WHILE ROB ME OF THE FULL WONDER OF MY LOVE FOR JACK AND HIS FOR ME!

THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN I CAME DOWN TO THE CLUB, JACK'S FRIEND, AL LAVERY WAS ALREADY THERE!

'MORNING, JACK, HONEY!

OH, LOU, I CALLED AL UP LAST NIGHT AND TOLD HIM OF THE NEW DANCE TEAM IDEA, AND HE DROVE UP THIS MORNING! AL, THIS IS YOUR NEW DANCING PARTNER, LOUISE TURNER!



I DIDN'T LIKE AL FROM THE MOMENT I SAW HIM! DON'T ASK ME WHY! IT WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS... BUT I KEPT MY FEELINGS TO MYSELF, BECAUSE I KNEW THAT JACK THOUGHT AN AWFUL LOT OF AL!

WELL, IT'S GOING TO BE A PLEASURE, WORKING WITH A LOVELY GIRL LIKE YOU!

I HOPE YOU CAN HOOF AS PROFICIENTLY AS YOU TOSS OUT COMPLIMENTS, AL!

THERE'S A GOOD WAY TO FIND OUT! LET'S GO IN AND TRY OUT SOME ROUTINES!

JACK TOOK OVER THE PIANO AND AL AND I BEGAN TO WORK OUT A ROUTINE...

YOU SURE CAN DANCE, AL!

THANKS, SUGAR, YOU'RE NO SLOUCH YOURSELF! LET'S WORK UP A GOOD WALTZ ROUTINE... JACK HIT US WITH A 3/4 BEAT!

RIGHT! YOU KNOW I THINK YOU TWO ARE GOING TO BE JUST WHAT OUR FLOOR SHOW NEEDED!

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW, KIDS! I'VE GOT TO RUN INTO TOWN AND BUY SOME GROCERIES!

I THINK I'LL RUN DOWN TO THE BEACH AND TAKE A DIP! I FEEL KIND OF TUCKERED!

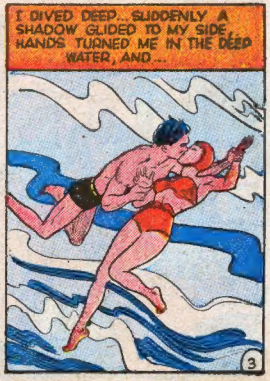
I COULD DO WITH A SWIM, MYSELF! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE BEACH, LOU...

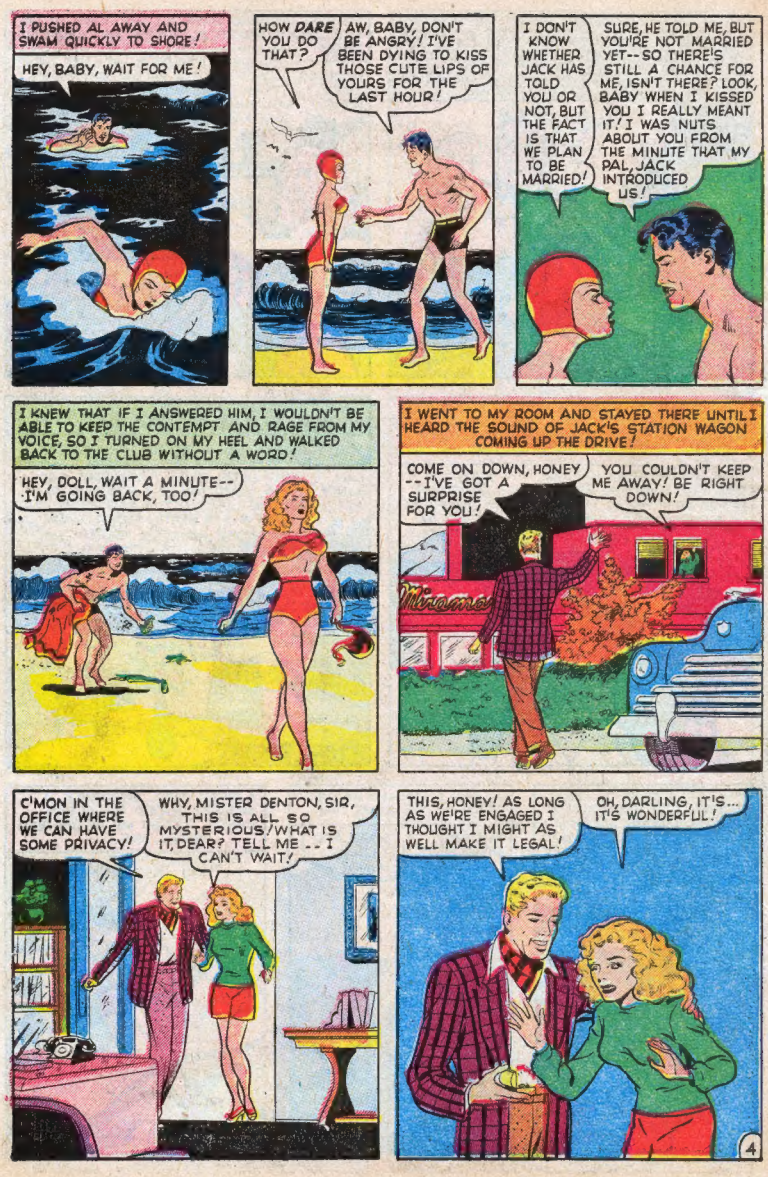
AL AND I ARRIVED AT THE BEACH AT THE SAME TIME...

HEY, THIS WATER FEELS GOOD!

GOOD AND COLD, YOU MEAN!

I DIVED DEEP... SUDDENLY A SHADOW GLIDED TO MY SIDE. HANDS TURNED ME IN THE DEEP WATER, AND...




I PUSHED AL AWAY AND SWAM QUICKLY TO SHORE!
HEY, BABY, WAIT FOR ME!
HOW DARE YOU DO THAT?
AW, BABY, DON'T BE ANGRY! I'VE BEEN DYING TO KISS THOSE CUTE LIPS OF YOURS FOR THE LAST HOUR!
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER JACK HAS TOLD YOU OR NOT, BUT THE FACT IS THAT WE PLAN TO BE MARRIED!
SURE, HE TOLD ME, BUT YOU'RE NOT MARRIED YET--SO THERE'S STILL A CHANCE FOR ME, ISN'T THERE? LOOK, BABY WHEN I KISSED YOU I REALLY MEANT IT! I WAS NUTS ABOUT YOU FROM THE MINUTE THAT MY PAL, JACK INTRODUCED US!
I KNEW THAT IF I ANSWERED HIM, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KEEP THE CONTEMPT AND RAGE FROM MY VOICE, SO I TURNED ON MY HEEL AND WALKED BACK TO THE CLUB WITHOUT A WORD!
HEY, DOLL, WAIT A MINUTE--I'M GOING BACK, TOO!
I WENT TO MY ROOM AND STAYED THERE UNTIL I HEARD THE SOUND OF JACK'S STATION WAGON COMING UP THE DRIVE!
COME ON DOWN, HONEY--I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
YOU COULDN'T KEEP ME AWAY! BE RIGHT DOWN!
C'MON IN THE OFFICE WHERE WE CAN HAVE SOME PRIVACY!
WHY, MISTER DENTON, SIR, THIS IS ALL SO MYSTERIOUS! WHAT IS IT, DEAR? TELL ME -- I CAN'T WAIT!
THIS, HONEY! AS LONG AS WE'RE ENGAGED I THOUGHT I MIGHT AS WELL MAKE IT LEGAL!
OH, DARLING, IT'S... IT'S WONDERFUL!
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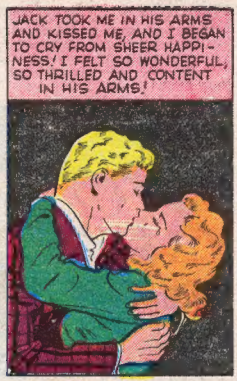
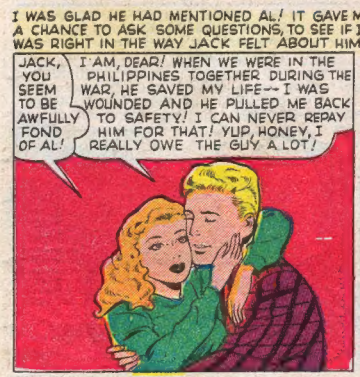
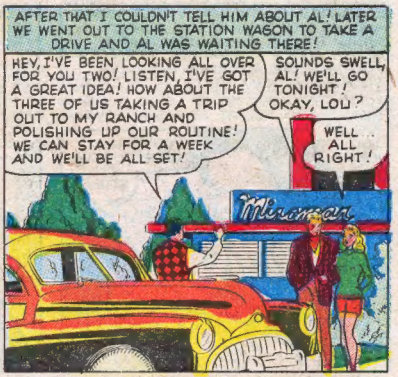
QUICK, PUT IT ON MY FINGER SO I KNOW I'VE GOT YOU HOOKED!
DON'T WORRY, SWEETHEART, I'M HOOKED, AND HOOKED PROPER... AND I LOVE IT! THERE!


JACK TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS AND KISSED ME, AND I BEGAN TO CRY FROM SHEER HAPPINESS! I FELT SO WONDERFUL, SO THRILLED AND CONTENT IN HIS ARMS!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL, JACK... LOOK HOW IT SHINES!
NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR MY FUTURE BRIDE! YOU AND AL ARF GOING TO HAVE TO BRING IN PLENTY MORE CUSTOMERS WITH YOUR NEW ROUTINE TO PAY FOR THAT ROCK!


I WAS GLAD HE HAD MENTIONED AL! IT GAVE ME A CHANCE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS, TO SEE IF I WAS RIGHT IN THE WAY JACK FELT ABOUT HIM!
JACK, YOU SEEM TO BE AWFULLY FOND OF AL!
I AM, DEAR! WHEN WE WERE IN THE PHILIPPINES TOGETHER DURING THE WAR, HE SAVED MY LIFE--I WAS WOUNDED AND HE PULLED ME BACK TO SAFETY! I CAN NEVER REPAY HIM FOR THAT! YUP, HONEY, I REALLY OWE THE GUY A LOT!


AFTER THAT I COULDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT AL! LATER WE WENT OUT TO THE STATION WAGON TO TAKE A DRIVE AND AL WAS WAITING THERE!
HEY, I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU TWO! LISTEN, I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA! HOW ABOUT THE THREE OF US TAKING A TRIP OUT TO MY RANCH AND POLISHING UP OUR ROUTINE! WE CAN STAY FOR A WEEK AND WE'LL BE ALL SET!
SOUNDS SWELL, AL! WE'LL GO TONIGHT! OKAY, LOU?
WELL .. ALL RIGHT!
Miramar

I PACKED SOME CLOTHES TO TAKE WITH ME, BUT I DIDN'T FEEL RIGHT ABOUT THE TRIP.. ANYTHING THAT AL WOULD SUGGEST FILLED ME WITH SUSPICION AND DOUBTS!
I'LL JUST STAY CLOSE TO JACK SO THAT AL WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE!

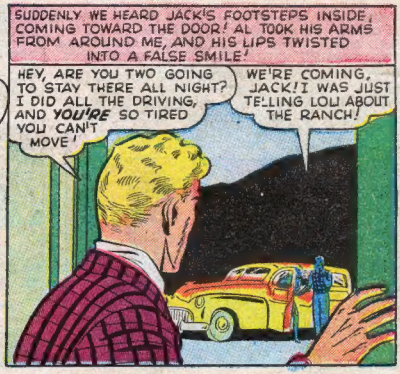
WE LEFT SOON AFTER DARK! IT WAS A LOVELY NIGHT--THE MOON WAS A SILVER KING RIDING HIGH, SURROUNDED BY HIS SATELLITE STARS! DROVE OVER THE DESERT TOWARD AL'S RANCH NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER, SURROUNDED BY THE SILENCE OF THE SILVERY NIGHT!
WATCH FOR THE TURN, JACK--WE'LL BE THERE IN A MINUTE! THIS ROAD WOULD TAKE YOU STRAIGHT INTO MEXICO!

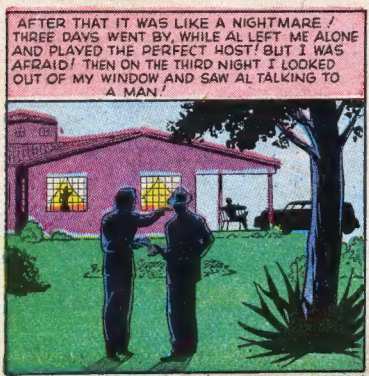
WELL, HERE WE ARE, FOLKS! WELCOME TO THE LAVERY RANCHO!
YOU CAN REALLY RELAX OUT HERE! I'LL TAKE THE BAGS INTO THE ROOMS, AL!
IT'S LOVELY, ALL RIGHT!

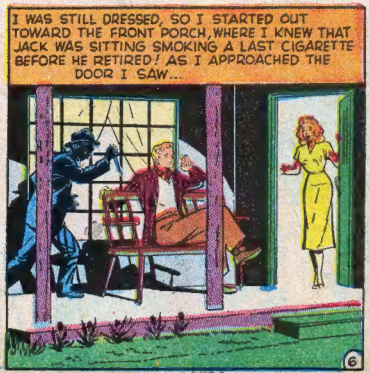
JACK CARRIED THE BAGS INTO THE HOUSE, AND I WAS ABOUT TO GET OUT OF THE CAR WHEN AL GRABBED ME!
HOW ABOUT A KISS? JACK CAN'T SEE US!
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME, OR I'LL YELL FOR JACK!

DON'T BE A FOOL! JACK WOULD NEVER BELIEVE THAT HIS PAL WOULD DO SUCH A THING..HE'D THINK YOU'RE JEALOUS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND TRYING TO TURN HIM AGAINST ME! LISTEN, LOU, I CAN GIVE YOU MUCH MORE THAN JACK CAN! I'M WEALTHY! I'VE GOT PLENTY!
YOU'RE THE MOST DESPICABLE MAN I'VE EVER MET--I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU IF YOU WERE THE LAST MAN ON EARTH! DOES THAT SATISFY YOU?

HE GRABBED ME WITH HARD, VICIOUS HANDS, AND HIS EYES GLEAMED LIKE A CRAZY MAN'S! I THINK IT WAS THEN THAT I REALLY BEGAN TO FEAR HIM...TO REALIZE THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING MENTALLY WRONG WITH HIM!
I'LL MAKE YOU CHANGE YOUR TUNE! I'VE NEVER LOVED A WOMAN BEFORE AND YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE ME TOO, DO YOU HEAR?
YOU'RE MAD! LET ME GO OR I'LL SCREAM!


SUDDENLY WE HEARD JACK'S FOOTSTEPS INSIDE, COMING TOWARD THE DOOR! AL TOOK HIS ARMS FROM AROUND ME, AND HIS LIPS TWISTED INTO A FALSE SMILE!
HEY, ARE YOU TWO GOING TO STAY THERE ALL NIGHT? I DID ALL THE DRIVING, AND YOU'RE SO TIRED YOU CAN'T MOVE!
WE'RE COMING, JACK! I WAS JUST TELLING LOU ABOUT THE RANCH!


AFTER THAT IT WAS LIKE A NIGHTMARE! THREE DAYS WENT BY, WHILE AL LEFT ME ALONE AND PLAYED THE PERFECT HOST! BUT I WAS AFRAID! THEN ON THE THIRD NIGHT I LOOKED OUT OF MY WINDOW AND SAW AL TALKING TO A MAN!


I WAS STILL DRESSED, SO I STARTED OUT TOWARD THE FRONT PORCH, WHERE I KNEW THAT JACK WAS SITTING SMOKING A LAST CIGARETTE BEFORE HE RETIRED! AS I APPROACHED THE DOOR I SAW...
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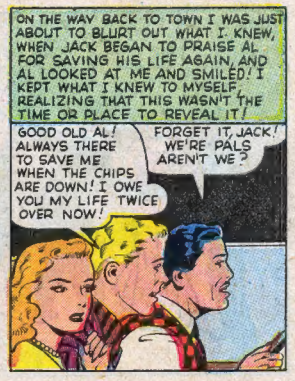
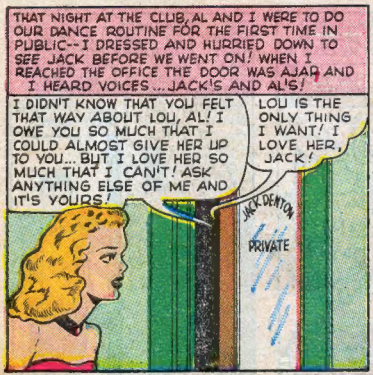
JACK! LOOK OUT!
WHAT THE...?

EVERYTHING HAPPENED SO FAST THAT IT'S STILL A BLUR IN MY MIND! I REMEMBER THE EVIL-LOOKING MAN WITH THE KNIFE LEAPING AT JACK...THEN AL COMING FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, SMASHING INTO THE MAN, DEFLECTING THE KNIFE!
LOOK OUT, JACK!
BE CAREFUL, AL, HE'S GOT A KNIFE!

C'MON! WE'LL GET HIM AND...
HOLD ON, JACK ...HE'S ARMED! LET HIM GO!
YOUR ARM, JACK... HE CUT YOU!

HEY, WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO TOWN AND HAVE THAT GASH FIXED! COME ON, I'LL DRIVE --WE CAN SEND SOMEONE BACK FOR OUR THINGS!
I DON'T GET IT! WHAT COULD THAT GUY HAVE HAD AGAINST ME?


ON THE WAY BACK TO TOWN I WAS JUST ABOUT TO BLURT OUT WHAT I KNEW, WHEN JACK BEGAN TO PRAISE AL FOR SAVING HIS LIFE AGAIN, AND AL LOOKED AT ME AND SMILED! I KEPT WHAT I KNEW TO MYSELF, REALIZING THAT THIS WASN'T THE TIME OR PLACE TO REVEAL IT!
GOOD OLD AL! ALWAYS THERE TO SAVE ME WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN! I OWE YOU MY LIFE TWICE OVER NOW!
FORGET IT, JACK! WE'RE PALS AREN'T WE?


THAT NIGHT AT THE CLUB, AL AND I WERE TO DO OUR DANCE ROUTINE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PUBLIC--I DRESSED AND HURRIED DOWN TO SEE JACK BEFORE WE WENT ON! WHEN I REACHED THE OFFICE THE DOOR WAS AJAR AND I HEARD VOICES...JACK'S AND AL'S!
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU FELT THAT WAY ABOUT LOU, AL! I OWE YOU SO MUCH THAT I COULD ALMOST GIVE HER UP TO YOU... BUT I LOVE HER SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T! ASK ANYTHING ELSE OF ME AND IT'S YOURS!
LOU IS THE ONLY THING I WANT! I LOVE HER, JACK!
JACK DENTON PRIVATE

YOU'RE ON IN TWO MINUTES, LOU! HAVE YOU SEEN AL?
HE'S IN JACK'S OFFICE! I'LL BE IN THE WINGS!
JACK DENTON PRIVATE

AL JOINED ME IN THE WINGS JUST AS THE ORCHESTRA BEGAN THE INTRODUCTION TO OUR NUMBER, AND WE GLIDED OUT INTO THE SPOTLIGHTS!
INTRODUCING THE SENSATIONAL BALLROOM TEAM OF TURNER AND LAVERY!
WE BEGAN A SLOW TANGO ROUTINE! IT WAS GOING WELL--I COULD FEEL IT AS ALL PERFORMERS CAN--THEN SUDDENLY THERE WAS A COMMOTION AT A RINGSIDE TABLE!
HEY, SHEESH BEAU'FUL! C'MON, BEAU'FUL, DANCH WI' ME!
YOU'D BETTER SIT DOWN BEFORE YOU FALL DOWN!
C'MON, YOU AN' ME ISH GONNA DANCH!
COME ON, FRIEND, YOU'D BETTER GO HOME NOW!
I WON'T GO HOME...I'LL BASH YOUR HEAD, SEE? OUCH!
SORRY, FELLA, BUT YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT!
LOU, YOU GO INTO THE OFFICE! THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY A NUMBER TO COVER!
I WENT TO THE OFFICE AND WAITED FOR JACK TO COME! I WAS TERRIBLY UPSET AND I THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO TELL JACK ABOUT AL...I COULDN'T KEEP IT TO MYSELF ANY LONGER!
I WAITED QUITE A WHILE AND WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE TO LOOK FOR HIM WHEN HE CAME IN!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, HONEY... IN YOUR DRESSING ROOM AND ALL OVER!
FUNNY THAT AL DIDN'T TELL YOU I WAS HERE!
I'M SORRY THAT HAD TO HAPPEN TONIGHT, DEAR!
OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT, DARLING! JACK, I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING!
JACK, THAT GUY YOU THREW OUT OF THE CLUB ...HE'S DEAD! THE POLICE ARE ON THEIR WAY--NOW!
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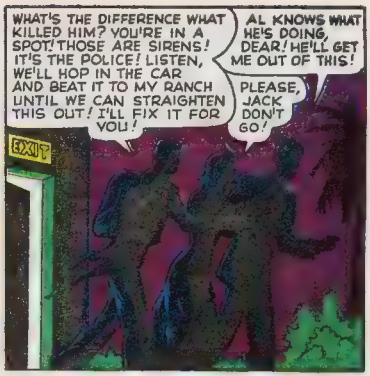
YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! HE WAS WITH A PARTY OF INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE AND THEY'RE OUT TO HANG A MURDER RAP ON YOU!
BUT HE COULDN'T BE DEAD! I JUST HIT HIM EASY--THAT COULDN'T KILL HIM!
JACK, DON'T GO!


WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE WHAT KILLED HIM? YOU'RE IN A SPOT! THOSE ARE SIRENS! IT'S THE POLICE! LISTEN, WE'LL HOP IN THE CAR AND BEAT IT TO MY RANCH UNTIL WE CAN STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT! I'LL FIX IT FOR YOU!
AL KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING, DEAR! HE'LL GET ME OUT OF THIS!
PLEASE, JACK DON'T GO!
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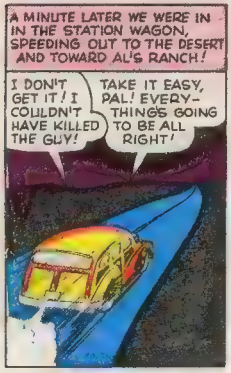
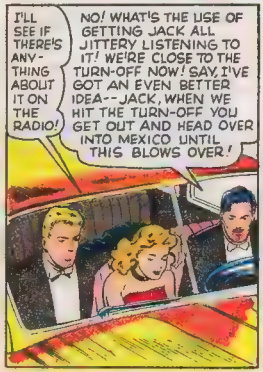
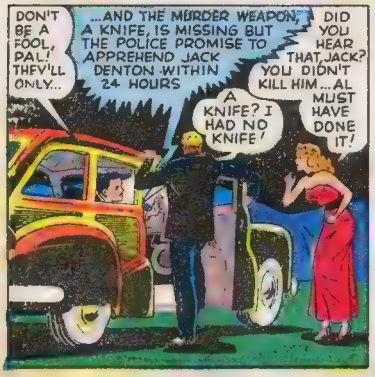
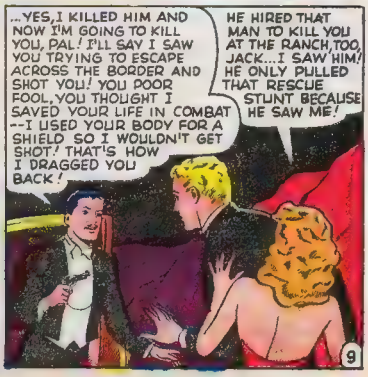

A MINUTE LATER WE WERE IN IN THE STATION WAGON, SPEEDING OUT TO THE DESERT AND TOWARD AL'S RANCH!
I DON'T GET IT! I COULDN'T HAVE KILLED THE GUY!
TAKE IT EASY, PAL! EVERY-THING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!


I'LL SEE IF THERE'S ANY-THING ABOUT IT ON THE RADIO!
NO! WHAT'S THE USE OF GETTING JACK ALL JITTERY LISTENING TO IT! WE'RE CLOSE TO THE TURN-OFF NOW! SAY, I'VE GOT AN EVEN BETTER IDEA--JACK, WHEN WE HIT THE TURN-OFF YOU GET OUT AND HEAD OVER INTO MEXICO UNTIL THIS BLOWS OVER!

AS HE SLOWED THE CAR FOR THE TURN-OFF I EASED MY HAND TOWARD THE RADIO AND TURNED IT ON WITHOUT AL NOTICING!
HERE WE ARE, JACK! LEAVE EVERY-THING TO ME NOW AND DON'T WORRY, PAL!
AL, I DON'T THINK I'LL DO IT...I'M GOING BACK AND GIVE MYSELF UP!


DON'T BE A FOOL, PAL! THEY'LL ONLY...
...AND THE MURDER WEAPON, A KNIFE, IS MISSING BUT THE POLICE PROMISE TO APPREHEND JACK DENTON WITHIN 24 HOURS
A KNIFE? I HAD NO KNIFE!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, JACK? YOU DIDN'T KILL HIM...AL MUST HAVE DONE IT!


...YES, I KILLED HIM AND NOW I'M GOING TO KILL YOU, PAL! I'LL SAY I SAW YOU TRYING TO ESCAPE ACROSS THE BORDER AND SHOT YOU! YOU POOR FOOL, YOU THOUGHT I SAVED YOUR LIFE IN COMBAT --I USED YOUR BODY FOR A SHIELD SO I WOULDN'T GET SHOT! THAT'S HOW I DRAGGED YOU BACK!
HE HIRED THAT MAN TO KILL YOU AT THE RANCH, TOO, JACK...I SAW HIM! HE ONLY PULLED THAT RESCUE STUNT BECAUSE HE SAW ME!

JACK MUST HAVE SEEN THE INSANE TRIUMPH IN AL'S EYES, AS I DID, AND THINGS BEGAN TO ADD UP FOR HIM...THEN SUDDENLY HE LEAPED AT AL!
YOU DIRTY SNAKE!
I'LL KILL YOU!
JACK! THE GUN!
THE BULLET HIT JACK IN THE SHOULDER, BUT HE GOT IN A COUPLE OF BLOWS WITH HIS GOOD ARM BEFORE HE PASSED OUT FROM THE PAIN...
OWW!
GRAB HIS GUN, LOU, I CAN'T.. HOLD.. OUT..
OH, JACK...!
I GRABBED THE GUN BUT AL CAME TOWARD ME WITH A ROCK ...HIS FACE, A GRINNING, BLOOD-SMEARED, MANIACAL MASK!
I TOLD YOU IF I COULDN'T HAVE YOU, NO ONE ELSE WOULD GET YOU! WELL, I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, TOO!
KEEP BACK! KEEP BACK OR I'LL SHOOT!
HIS FACE CAME CLOSER AND CLOSER.. THAT MADMAN'S FACE, THAT DEVIL'S MASK! THEN THE GUN WAS BUCKING IN MY HANDS AND HIS FACE WENT EMPTY AND HE CRUMPLED...AND THEN HIS FACE WAS GONE!
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I STOOD THERE OVER AL, BUT THE NEXT THING I KNEW SOMEONE WAS SPEAKING TO ME, AND JACK HAD STRUGGLED TO HIS FEET...
THAT WAS A NICE JOB YOU DID, MISS! I WAS JUST GOING TO SHOOT HIM WHEN YOU BEAT ME TO IT!
LOU, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WE FOUND THE BLOODSTAINED KNIFE IN LAVERY'S DRESSING ROOM AND FOLLOWED YOUR TIRE TRACKS OUT HERE! WE'VE HAD OUR EYE ON HIM EVER SINCE HE WAS MIXED UP IN A KILLING ACROSS THE BORDER! THEY CLAIMED THAT HE WASN'T QUITE RIGHT IN THE HEAD!
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THAT'S THE STORY...A STORY OF LOVE AND HATE AND DEATH! BUT WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, THE HATE AND DEATH WERE GONE, AND THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT...BUT LOVE!
LISTEN, FOLKS, I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO TOWN AND REPORT THIS!...SAY, THAT ARM OF YOURS SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF, TOO, YOUNG FELLOW! LOOK, I HAVEN'T GOT ALL NIGHT... YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME AFTERWARDS.. AW, COME ON, FOLKS, WILL YOU...?
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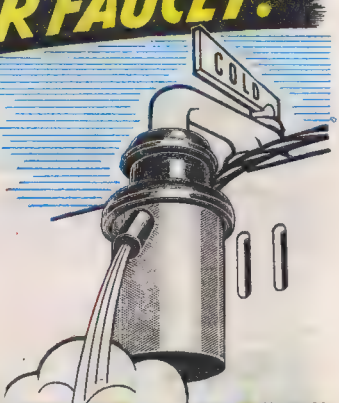

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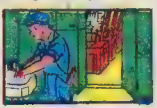

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THE SUMMER TURNED TO WINTER AND THE MONTHS INTO YEARS, WITH STILL NO WORD FROM STEVE...EACH DAY I WOULD GO DOWN TO THE SEA--AND WAIT FOR A LOVE THAT WOULD NOT RETURN YES, THE SEA HAD BEATEN ME!

THIS IS MY STORY...THE STORY OF ONE GIRL AGAINST THE SEA! THE STORY OF A GIRL WHO STANDS AND LISTENS TO THE NEVER-ENDING POUNDING OF THE WAVES AS THEY ROAR OUT THEIR MESSAGE OF TEARS AND HEARTBREAK... FOR HOW CAN I FIGHT AGAINST THE INVINCIBLE POWER OF...

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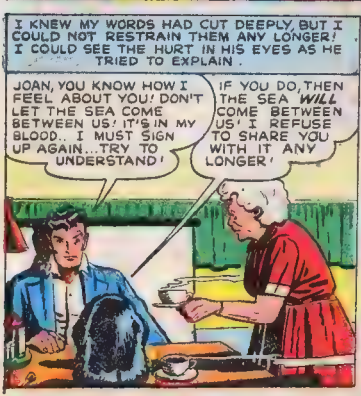
I MET CHRIS ABOUT A YEAR AGO, AND SINCE THEN WE'D SPENT EVERY ONE OF HIS SHORE LEAVES TOGETHER! I LOVED HIM DEEPLY BUT THE STRAIN OF WAITING FOR HIM TO COME HOME HAD BEEN MORE THAN I COULD BEAR! I HAD TO PUT MY FOOT DOWN.
NO, CHRIS, I'VE MADE UP MY MIND...IF YOU SIGN UP FOR ANOTHER TRIP, WE'RE THROUGH!
AW, COME ON, HONEY--YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT...NOT AFTER WHAT WE'VE MEANT TO EACH OTHER!

LET'S STOP IN HERE FOR COFFEE--WE'VE BEEN WALKING A LOT! YOU'RE PROBABLY TIRED!
OF COURSE I'M TIRED...TIRED OF WAITING FOR THESE TRIPS TO END! TIRED OF YOUR EMPTY PROMISES TO QUIT! I'M TIRED OF THE SEA.. I HATE IT!
CAFE


I KNEW MY WORDS HAD CUT DEEPLY, BUT I COULD NOT RESTRAIN THEM ANY LONGER! I COULD SEE THE HURT IN HIS EYES AS HE TRIED TO EXPLAIN.
JOAN, YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU! DON'T LET THE SEA COME BETWEEN US! IT'S IN MY BLOOD.. I MUST SIGN UP AGAIN...TRY TO UNDERSTAND!
IF YOU DO, THEN THE SEA WILL COME BETWEEN US! I REFUSE TO SHARE YOU WITH IT ANY LONGER!

FOR A LONG MOMENT, CHRIS SAT THERE, STUDYING ME I KNEW HE WAS MAKING HIS DECISION! TIME SEEMED TO STAND STILL.. THIS WAS OUR FIRST REAL ARGUMENT! MY HEART POUNDED WITHIN ME AND THEN...
IT'S NO USE, JOAN...I CAN'T GO ON FOOLING YOU ANY LONGER! I'LL NEVER GIVE UP THE SEA. I'M GOING TO SIGN UP NOW! PLEASE DON'T SAY ANYTHING WE'LL BOTH BE SORRY FOR...
CHRIS!
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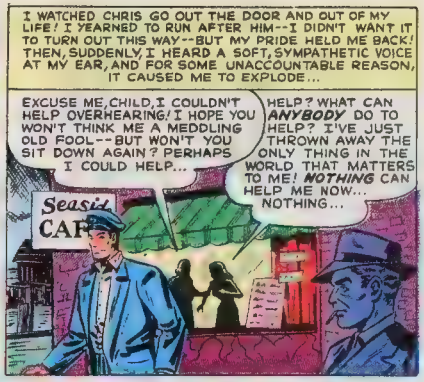
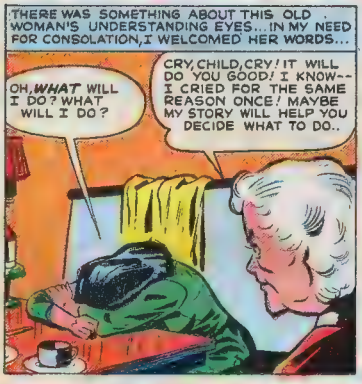
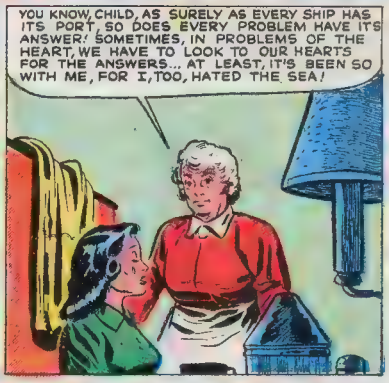
PLEASE WAIT HERE AND THINK IT OVER... REMEMBER, I LOVE YOU AND ALWAYS WILL!... AFTER I'M SIGNED UP, I'LL STOP BACK TO PICK YOU UP...
YOU NEEDN'T BOTHER-- I WON'T BE HERE!


I WATCHED CHRIS GO OUT THE DOOR AND OUT OF MY LIFE! I YEARNED TO RUN AFTER HIM--I DIDN'T WANT IT TO TURN OUT THIS WAY--BUT MY PRIDE HELD ME BACK! THEN, SUDDENLY, I HEARD A SOFT, SYMPATHETIC VOICE AT MY EAR, AND FOR SOME UNACCOUNTABLE REASON, IT CAUSED ME TO EXPLODE...
EXCUSE ME, CHILD, I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING! I HOPE YOU WON'T THINK ME A MEDDLING OLD FOOL--BUT WON'T YOU SIT DOWN AGAIN? PERHAPS I COULD HELP...
HELP? WHAT CAN ANYBODY DO TO HELP? I'VE JUST THROWN AWAY THE ONLY THING IN THE WORLD THAT MATTERS TO ME! NOTHING CAN HELP ME NOW... NOTHING...


THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THIS OLD WOMAN'S UNDERSTANDING EYES... IN MY NEED FOR CONSOLATION, I WELCOMED HER WORDS...
OH, WHAT WILL I DO? WHAT WILL I DO?
CRY, CHILD, CRY! IT WILL DO YOU GOOD! I KNOW-- I CRIED FOR THE SAME REASON ONCE! MAYBE MY STORY WILL HELP YOU DECIDE WHAT TO DO..


YOU KNOW, CHILD, AS SURELY AS EVERY SHIP HAS ITS PORT, SO DOES EVERY PROBLEM HAVE ITS ANSWER! SOMETIMES, IN PROBLEMS OF THE HEART, WE HAVE TO LOOK TO OUR HEARTS FOR THE ANSWERS... AT LEAST, IT'S BEEN SO WITH ME, FOR I, TOO, HATED THE SEA!

"YES, I HAD EVERY REASON TO HATE THE SEA! MY FATHER WAS A SEA CAPTAIN AND THE LONG INTERVALS BETWEEN DAD'S HOMECOMINGS LEFT THEIR MARK ON MY MOTHER--A MARK I HATED AND VOWED WOULD NEVER BE ENGRAVED ON ME! THEN ONE DAY...
MOTHER! I HAVE A LETTER FOR YOU! I THINK IT'S FROM DAD...

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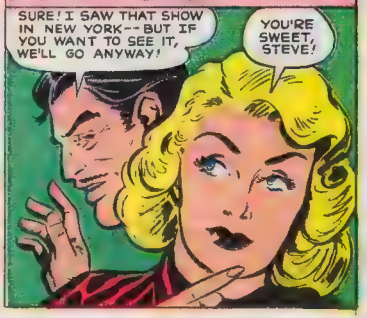
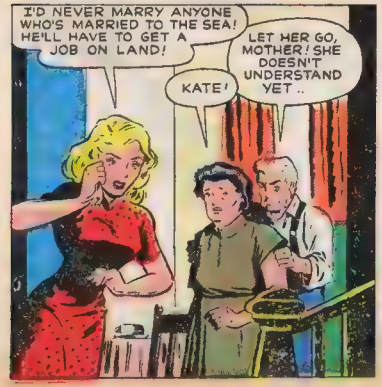
BUT THAT ISN'T ALL, DEAR! FATHER'S BRINGING HIS FIRST MATE HOME WITH HIM! WE'LL HAVE TO GET THE GUEST ROOM READY!
ALL RIGHT, MOTHER--I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE BUSY ONES! WE ADORED FATHER AND EVERYTHING HAD TO BE JUST RIGHT...THEN ONE MORNING THE DOOR WAS THROWN OPEN AND...
MOTHER! KATE!
DAD!
JIM!
AT FIRST I DIDN'T NOTICE DAD'S COMPANION! SOMEHOW I EXPECTED HIS MATE TO BE OLDER--INSTEAD HE WAS YOUNG AND FULL OF VITALITY! HIS EYES SHONE LIKE FATHER'S--I FELT THAT HE,TOO, WAS A SLAVE TO THE SEA--THE SEA THAT I HATED! BUT I HAD TO BE PLEASANT...
KATE, I WANT YOU TO MEET STEVE, MY FIRST MATE! HE'S A FINE LAD!
GLAD TO KNOW YOU, STEVE!
IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO KNOW YOU,TOO,KATE! YOU'RE AS PRETTY AS YOUR DAD SAID--EVEN MORE SO!
"STEVE WAS NICE... WHEN HE ASKED TO GO FOR A WALK, I AGREED...AFTER ALL, HE WAS COMPANY! AND THEN THERE WAS SOMETHING IN HIS BLUE EYES THAT REFLECTED HIS INNER GAIETY, A GAIETY THAT I HAD YEARNED FOR AND NEEDED FOR SO LONG!
YOUR FATHER SPOKE OF YOU OFTEN! HE'S A WONDERFUL MAN, KATE! YOUR DAD AND THE SEA... WHAT A PAIR THEY MAKE! YOU KNOW, I --
LOOK, STEVE, IF YOU AND I ARE TO BE FRIENDS AT ALL, I'D SUGGEST YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT THE SEA--THE SEA AND I DON'T GO WELL TOGETHER!
THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE HEAVENLY! STEVE NEVER MENTIONED THE SEA ONCE AND WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME--MY GOING OUT WITH HIM WAS NO LONGER A COURTESY! I LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT...
STEVE, DO YOU REALIZE THAT IN THE LAST THREE DAYS WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER CONSTANTLY?
I'D LIKE TO MAKE IT FOREVER, KATE... FOREVER!
"THAT NIGHT WE WALKED HOME... AT THE GATE STEVE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS...I FELT HIS WARM, TENDER LIPS ON MINE...MY HEAD SPUN WILDLY AS I HEARD THOSE WORDS EVERY GIRL YEARNS FOR!
KATE, DARLING--I LOVE YOU--YOU MUST KNOW THAT!
...AND I LOVE YOU, STEVE!

"I DIDN'T WANT TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT! I COULD FEEL HIS WARM LIPS UPON MINE, AND I THRILLED AT THE THOUGHT OF IT--I KNEW I COULD BE HAPPY WITH STEVE! HE COULD GIVE ME SO MANY THINGS I NEEDED...

"AND SO THE DAYS PASSED, WITH STEVE ACCEPTING MY EVERY WISH AS HIS COMMAND! MAYBE I WAS UNFAIR, BUT I FELT THAT IF HE LOVED ME ENOUGH, HE'D DO ANYTHING I ASKED!



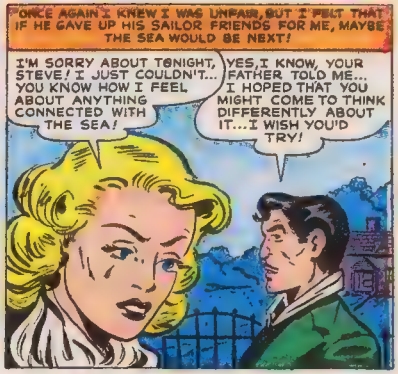
"SURE, HE WAS BORED-- BUT SOMEHOW I GOT SATISFACTION OUT OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO GO. ALONG WITH EVERYTHING I WANTED! THE NEXT MORNING AT BREAKFAST, MOM AND DAD WERE BEAMING.

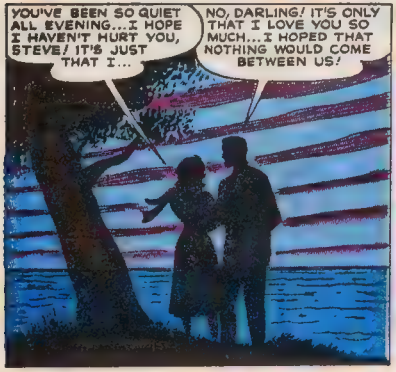

I'D NEVER MARRY ANYONE WHO'S MARRIED TO THE SEA! HE'LL HAVE TO GET A JOB ON LAND!
KATE!
LET HER GO, MOTHER! SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND YET..

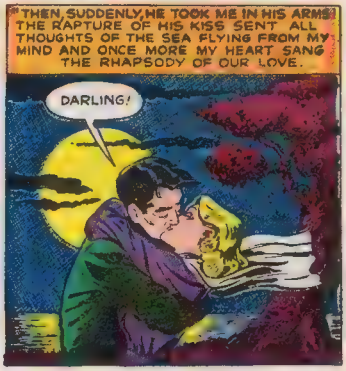
"THAT EVENING BEFORE WE WENT OUT I WAS DETERMINED TO TALK TO STEVE ABOUT QUITTING THE SEA! HE'D NEVER REFUSED ME ANYTHING BEFORE ..HE COULDN'T REFUSE THIS! ***HE COULDN'T!*** ... BUT THEN...

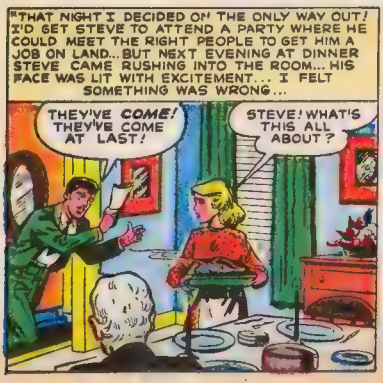
STEVE, I MUST ASK YOU SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR WORK ... YOU KNOW HOW I...
KATE, DARLING! YOU MADE ME PROMISE NOT TO TALK OF THE SEA AND I WON'T LET IT SPOIL OUR EVENING!

LOOK, KATE! I'VE GOT TWO TICKETS TO THE SEAMEN'S BALL! THEY WERE A LITTLE HARD TO GET, BUT I...
THE SEAMEN'S BALL?? OH, NOT THAT, STEVE! ANYTHING BUT THAT!


ONCE AGAIN I KNEW I WAS UNFAIR, BUT I FELT THAT IF HE GAVE UP HIS SAILOR FRIENDS FOR ME, MAYBE THE SEA WOULD BE NEXT!
I'M SORRY ABOUT TONIGHT, STEVE! I JUST COULDN'T... YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT ANYTHING CONNECTED WITH THE SEA!
YES, I KNOW, YOUR FATHER TOLD ME... I HOPED THAT YOU MIGHT COME TO THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT IT... I WISH YOU'D TRY!

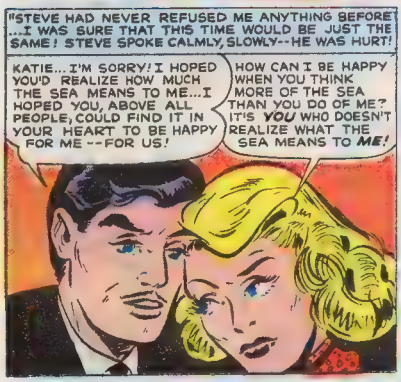

YOU'VE BEEN SO QUIET ALL EVENING... I HOPE I HAVEN'T HURT YOU, STEVE! IT'S JUST THAT I...
NO, DARLING! IT'S ONLY THAT I LOVE YOU SO MUCH... I HOPED THAT NOTHING WOULD COME BETWEEN US!

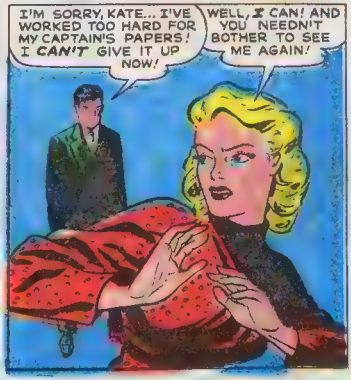

THEN, SUDDENLY, HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS! THE RAPTURE OF HIS KISS SENT ALL THOUGHTS OF THE SEA FLYING FROM MY MIND AND ONCE MORE MY HEART SANG THE RHAPSODY OF OUR LOVE.
DARLING!

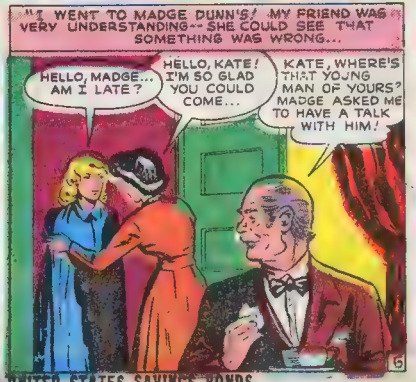

THAT NIGHT I DECIDED ON THE ONLY WAY OUT! I'D GET STEVE TO ATTEND A PARTY WHERE HE COULD MEET THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO GET HIM A JOB ON LAND... BUT NEXT EVENING AT DINNER STEVE CAME RUSHING INTO THE ROOM... HIS FACE WAS LIT WITH EXCITEMENT... I FELT SOMETHING WAS WRONG...
THEY'VE COME! THEY'VE COME AT LAST!
STEVE! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

...MY CAPTAIN'S PAPERS! THEY FINALLY CAME THROUGH! I'VE BEEN GIVEN COMMAND OF MY OWN SHIP... I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING BEFORE THIS, BUT I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S HAND, SIR!
IT'S YOURS, LAD... IT'S YOURS! AND YOU CAN HAVE MY HAND ON IT, TOO!
DON'T YOU THINK I SHOULD BE ASKED FIRST?

BUT KATE, THE SEA IS PART OF ME! I CAN'T HELP IT! WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO?
I EXPECT YOU TO GIVE IT UP! IF YOU LOVE ME AS YOU SAY, THEN YOU'LL COME WITH ME NOW TO MEET A FRIEND OF MINE--HE'LL GET YOU A JOB...A RESPECTABLE JOB, ON LAND!


"STEVE HAD NEVER REFUSED ME ANYTHING BEFORE ...I WAS SURE THAT THIS TIME WOULD BE JUST THE SAME! STEVE SPOKE CALMLY, SLOWLY--HE WAS HURT!
KATIE...I'M SORRY! I HOPED YOU'D REALIZE HOW MUCH THE SEA MEANS TO ME...I HOPED YOU, ABOVE ALL PEOPLE, COULD FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO BE HAPPY FOR ME--FOR US!
HOW CAN I BE HAPPY WHEN YOU THINK MORE OF THE SEA THAN YOU DO OF ME? IT'S YOU WHO DOESN'T REALIZE WHAT THE SEA MEANS TO ME!


I'M SORRY, KATE... I'VE WORKED TOO HARD FOR MY CAPTAIN'S PAPERS! I CAN'T GIVE IT UP NOW!
WELL, I CAN! AND YOU NEEDN'T BOTHER TO SEE ME AGAIN!


"I WENT TO MADGE DUNN'S! MY FRIEND WAS VERY UNDERSTANDING--SHE COULD SEE THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG...
HELLO, MADGE... AM I LATE?
HELLO, KATE! I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD COME...
KATE, WHERE'S THAT YOUNG MAN OF YOURS? MADGE ASKED ME TO HAVE A TALK WITH HIM!

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MADGE TOOK ME IN TO MEET HER FRIENDS! SHE DIDN'T ASK ANY QUESTIONS! I WAS SO GRATEFUL...I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN WHAT TO SAY..I TRIED TO GET STEVE OUT OF MY MIND!
NEVER MIND DAD, KATE -- I WANT YOU TO MEET TOM! SAY, I BELIEVE YOU TWO HAVE MET BEFORE!
OF COURSE! HOW'RE YOU, KATE? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HASN'T IT? WOULD YOU LIKE TO DANCE?
IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T STAND THIS FARCE ANY LONGER! STEVE'S FACE IS BEFORE ME WHEREVER I TURN... I JUST CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT HIM!
ANYTHING WRONG, KATE?
? KATE! STOP KATE! WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M SORRY, TOM! YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND..
"I RAN HOME AND THREW MYSELF ON MY BED! MY HEART ACHED WITH A SORROW THAT I NEVER FELT BEFORE! I HAD NO RIGHT TO DENY STEVE HIS NATURAL DESIRE FOR THE SEA! IF I COULD ONLY TAKE BACK THOSE HARSH WORDS...
STEVE, OH, STEVE! WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU?... WHAT HAVE I DONE?
NEXT MORNING I AWOKE WITH A NEW OUTLOOK... I WOULD RATHER SHARE STEVE WITH THE SEA THAN LOSE HIM ALTOGETHER... I DECIDED TO BEG STEVE'S FORGIVENESS...
I'M GOING TO STEVE, MOTHER! I'VE BEEN SO WRONG!... BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW!
BUT, KATE...
"..BUT MY REPENTANCE CAME TOO LATE!
STEVE! STEVE!
YER A LITTLE LATE, MISS! THAT SHIP'S NOT GONNA TURN BACK! YER TIMIN' WAS BAD!
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I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I STOOD AT THE PIER, OR FOR HOW MANY HOURS I WANDERED AROUND TOWN--BUT WHEN I FINALLY CAME HOME, I THREW MYSELF INTO MOTHER'S CONSOLING ARMS!
MOTHER, I'VE HATED THE SEA--AND NOW IT'S TAKEN MY HEART! I LOVED HIM, MOTHER--I LOVED HIM! THERE'LL NEVER BE ANOTHER LOVE FOR ME!
I'M SORRY, MY DARLING! MAYBE SOME DAY HE'LL RETURN!
THE SUMMER TURNED TO WINTER AND THE MONTHS INTO YEARS, WITH STILL NO WORD FROM STEVE...EACH DAY I WOULD GO DOWN TO THE SEA--AND WAIT FOR A LOVE THAT WOULD NOT RETURN... YES, THE SEA HAD BEATEN ME!
AND SO, MY CHILD, THERE'S MY STORY--FOR WHATEVER GOOD IT MAY DO YOU!
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH GOOD IT'S REALLY DONE... AND I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU FOR IT!
THE KIND OLD WOMAN'S STORY HAD HELPED TO MAKE UP MY MIND...I REALIZED NOW THAT NOTHING ELSE MATTERED! I WOULD RATHER SHARE CHRIS WITH THE SEA THAN LOSE HIM FOREVER! JUST THEN I SAW CHRIS RETURNING...
JOAN! YOU WAITED!
OF COURSE I WAITED, DARLING! BUT I'LL NEVER BE ALONE ANY MORE--FOR WHEREVER YOU ARE, I'LL ALWAYS KEEP YOU IN MY HEART!
JOAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
DARLING, THE SEA WILL NEVER COME BETWEEN US AGAIN! I'LL BE YOURS FOREVER!
HEY, KATE!
QUITE A STORY YOU TOLD THAT GIRL, KATE! AFTER ALL, I DID COME BACK LATER AND WE DID GET MARRIED!
I KNOW, STEVE... BUT WHAT'S ONE LITTLE WHITE LIE IF IT'LL HELP TWO PEOPLE IN LOVE!
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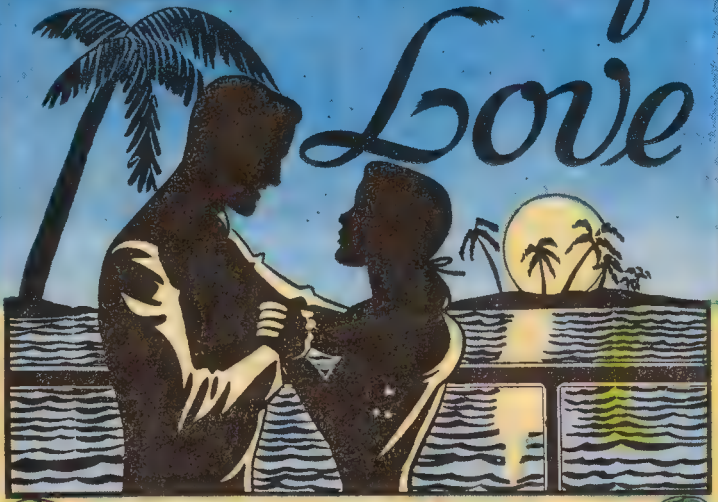

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LIKE TO THE LARK AT BREAK OF DAY ARISING
FROM SULLEN EARTH, SINGS HYMNS
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I ENTERED the ballroom full of anxiety and I hid, lonely and afraid, behind a pillar. Dancers in every color and type of costume were twirling gaily to the strains of a string orchestra. Greg had to work late, and he told me to come alone and meet him at the first arch. We both planned to wear gypsy costumes.

"We can't miss one another, Marge," he had repeated over and over. "Don't be a baby. It's the town's annual ball and no one else will come as gypsies! What could possibly happen to you? I'll meet you at nine sharp, darling. I promise."

His lips on mine convinced me again not to be fearful. I became lost in his embrace and replied that I would meet him. Greg didn't realize my fear, though. How could he know that Con might be at the ball and might claim me again?

I stood under the arch and waited. My flaming skirt fell just below my knees and my black hair fell to my shoulders. Beads and bracelets circled my neck and arms and a full black mask covered my face. As I watched the dancers a feeling of ease gradually came over me. Even if Con did come he couldn't possibly recognize me.

Every time I thought of him a shiver of thrills ran through my body. I loved him and hated him. Try as I would, I couldn't forget Con. We had dated for a whole year, but his flirtations and dates with other girls had turned me bitterly against him and toward Greg—the stable one, the man I trusted, the man I was trying desperately to love.

I hummed the tune the orchestra was playing. It was going to be fun tonight, dancing as a gypsy with Greg. All my foolish fear left me and I felt safe behind my mask and bright gypsy costume.

I spotted a lone gypsy out on the dance floor. He was dancing with a big, fat Diamond Lil. "That's Greg," I told myself and giggled. "He must have arrived early and was hooked by good old Wilma. I'll save him."

When they twirled past me, I waved my bright handkerchief at him gaily. I saw him wave back and motion meaningfully to me. I relaxed. The music would be over soon and we'd be together—safe in one another's arms.

The music stopped and I saw him hurry across the floor toward me. "Greg!" I shouted. "It's wonderful of you to help a lady in distress!" He stopped for a moment, then grasped my arm. His touch thrilled me for the first time since we had met!

As we moved toward the floor together another hand reached for me and a muffled voice called from behind a mask, "Marge? Gypsy? Marge?" I shivered as I saw another gypsy at my side. "It's Con!" I whispered to Greg. "Let's run."

On the other side of the dance floor I laughed hysterically. "How—how did Con ever know me?" I stuttered.

"Anyone would know you, my little gypsy sweetheart." He pressed my arm. "Don't be afraid of Con. You're safe now."

I was ecstatically happy as I heard his words and the gypsy melody coming from the strings. "Oh, let's dance, Greg. This tune is just for us. Come on!" I swung into his arms. I felt so safe and so happy in his embrace. If Con would see me now he'd know I didn't need him. My fears dissolved and I wanted so much to love Greg with my whole heart. It had been difficult at first, but tonight, suddenly, it seemed so easy to love this man who was holding me close.

"Do you love me just a little?" he asked as we swayed to the wild gypsy dance.

"Love you? Why, Greg, you know I do. And tonight, right now, I love you more than ever," I confessed. "You seem so—so different."

"You do, too," he answered. "I think you're a different person tonight, Marge — a more trusting person. You know, my dear, trust breeds love. A man you trust will always be faithful . . ."

I stopped, frozen to the spot. *That voice!* It wasn't Greg's

voice! I had never heard that tone in his voice before, but somewhere . . . *somewhere* I had heard it. Who was this man holding me in his arms? Who was this *strange gypsy?* I started to speak—

"Just be quiet, Marge," he said as he put his hand gently over my mouth. "Don't make a scene. Let's continue to dream. Let's pick up where we left off." He enfolded me close to him again.

"Con!" I whispered hoarsely. "You are Con!"

His arms were like steel bands around me. I couldn't move as I heard him say, "Yes, I'm Con. Disappointed?"

"How could I make such a droll mistake?" I asked, and wanted to push him away from me and run—into the arms of Greg, the man I trusted. Con had mocked me and instilled distrust into my heart. "How could I have made this awful mistake?" I repeated.

"You didn't make a mistake," he said coolly. "You came to the man you really love as instinctively as a bee comes to a flower. You're not afraid of me, Marge. You're afraid of yourself."

"You — *you!*" I stumbled against his ankles and felt the hot tears coursing down my own cheeks. I looked around frantically, hoping I would find Greg and could call to him. He'd save me, he'd rescue me from . . .

"Greg is doing all right, Marge. Don't worry about him." He turned me in a complete circle until I faced the gypsy I had run away from a few minutes ago. It was Greg! He was dancing with a ballerina who smiled happily up at him! He didn't even see me because he was looking down at his silly partner.

I buried my head on Con's shoulder and felt him twirl me around to the gypsy music. Greg had sworn faithfully not to look at another girl and here he was with a silly ballerina.

"Go ahead, cry," Con said. "Cry for a man you never could love!"

"Let me go!" I shouted and tried to tear myself away. My world was lost and my trust in men shattered. I hated Con and now I hated and distrusted Greg. I never wanted to see a man again. I tried again to release myself from Con's arms. The harder I struggled, the

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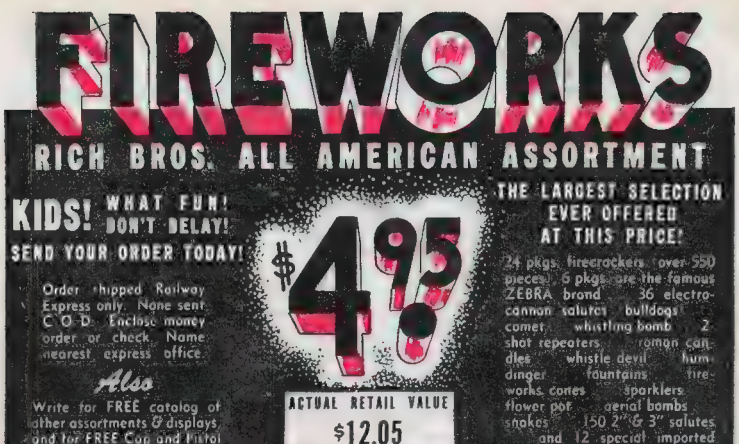
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tighter his arms held me.

"You beast!" I screamed.

Still Con did not let me go. He led me out on the veranda, his strong arms holding me close all the way. "Now then, young lady," he said, "let's get down to facts."

I couldn't look at him. Silhouetted near us were Greg and the ballerina in a long embrace. They were whispering together and I heard her say in a muffled voice, "Greg, I love you." A wave of nausea swept through me.

"That's what I mean, Marge," Con hammered relentlessly. "Have you ever told Greg you loved him?"

"N-no," I answered and my heart felt like a piece of ice. "No, why should I?"

"Have you ever told me you love me?" he drummed into my ear.

"No! Oh, Con, please let me alone. Let me go!" Tears spilled onto my bright dress. I felt spurned by everyone — hated and cast aside by everyone I had ever, ever, loved.

Then I stopped. "Con—what did you say?"

"I just asked you if you had ever said 'I love you' to anyone. If you have, you must know it changes things. Marge, darling, if you ever told me you loved me, I'd die for you! I'd never look at another girl. Don't you know that? Haven't you known that all the time?"

"Con—Con," I said breathlessly. "Do you mean that? Do you really mean that?"

His face darkened and his mouth became a hard line. "I do mean that and I was foolish enough to think you loved me when I saw you waving to me tonight. Now I know you're just as shallow as you ever were and you don't deserve any man's love." He turned to leave and my heart skipped a beat.

Con was right. I had never told any man that I loved him. How could I expect a man to be faithful to me alone if he wasn't sure of my love?

"Con, darling. I—love—you . . ." I struggled with words so new to me.

His arms were around me before I finished the sentence. His lips pressed mine in a passionate kiss. "Why didn't you say so weeks ago, Marge, my sweet. Say it again."

"Con, my dearest dear, I love you . . . and you're the only man I've ever said it to and the only man I'll *ever* say it to as long as I live!"

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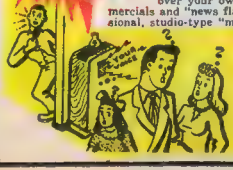

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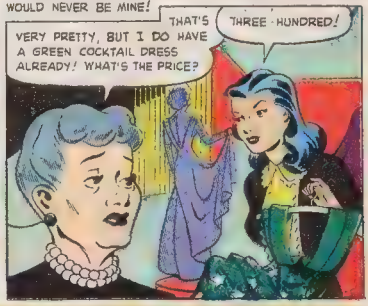
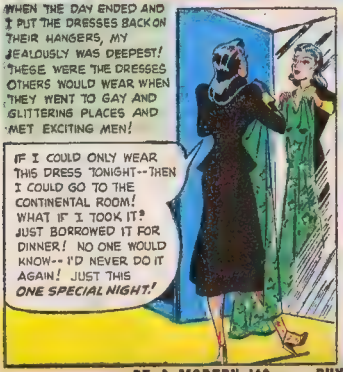


WHEN THE DAY ENDED AND I PUT THE DRESSES BACK ON THEIR HANGERS, MY JEALOUSLY WAS DEEPEST! THESE WERE THE DRESSES OTHERS WOULD WEAR WHEN THEY WENT TO GAY AND GLITTERING PLACES AND MET EXCITING MEN!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BACK IN MY SMALL APARTMENT, I TORE OFF THE BARGAIN DRESS I WAS WEARING AND SUDDENLY FELT THE EXCITING THRILL OF FINE SILK AS I SLIPPED INTO THE COSTLY GOWN! THEN I LOOKED IN THE MIRROR... YES, FAIRY TALES WERE TRUE! AND I WAS WEARING THE MAGIC GOWN!
(GASP!)... IT'S EXQUISITE! OH, I KNOW SOMETHING WONDERFUL AND EXCITING WILL HAPPEN TO ME WHEN I WEAR THIS!

I TOOK ALL THE MONEY I HAD, RAN DOWNSTAIRS, HAILED A CAB AND HEADED FOR THE GLITTON! TONIGHT ADVENTURE WOULD BE MINE...
GOOD EVENING, MA'AM!

ALONE? THIS WAY PLEASE, AND WELCOME TO THE CONTINENTAL ROOM!
AS I SWEPT INTO THE MAIN RESTAURANT, I COULD FEEL ALL HEADS TURNING TOWARD ME AND ALL EYES STARING AT ME... THE WHISPERED MURMUR TOLD ME MY DRESS HAD CAUSED A SENSATION!

SITTING THERE, IN ALL MY SPLENDOR, I SUDDENLY BECAME CONSCIOUS OF A MAN STARING AT ME! HE WAS GAZING AT ME INTENSELY WITH DARK, PLAYFUL EYES...
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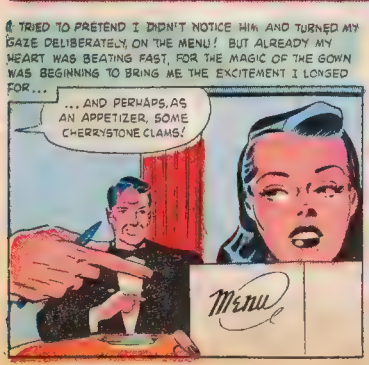
I TRIED TO PRETEND I DIDN'T NOTICE HIM AND TURNED MY GAZE DELIBERATELY ON THE MENU! BUT ALREADY MY HEART WAS BEATING FAST, FOR THE MAGIC OF THE GOWN WAS BEGINNING TO BRING ME THE EXCITEMENT I LONGED FOR...
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WITH MY FIRST COURSE, CAME A FOLDED NOTE-- I OPENED IT QUICKLY WITH TREMBLING HANDS AND EAGERLY READ THE ONE LINE...
May I join you?

I NODDED AND HE CAME OVER TO MY TABLE! HE WAS RICHLY DRESSED AND HIS ARISTOCRATIC POSE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS LONG USED TO THESE SUMPTUOUS SURROUNDINGS WHICH TO ME WERE SO STRANGE! THEN HE LOOKED AT ME SMILINGLY AND HIS FRIENDLY WARM VOICE MADE ME TINGLE...

I'M BILL THORNTON! I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I SEEMED A BIT FORWARD BUT...

OH, NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT--I REALLY DON'T LIKE TO DINE ALONE! MY NAME IS GLORIA REDMAN... PLEASE SIT DOWN, BILL!

WHEN HE HELD ME IN HIS ARMS AND WE DANCED, ALL THE GLAMOROUS EXCITEMENT I HAD DREAMT OF WAS MINE!

IF I DANCED WITH EVERYONE IN THE ROOM, I COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A BETTER PARTNER, GLORIA... AND YOUR DRESS IS SO BEAUTIFUL!

THANK YOU, BILL! SO YOU REALLY LIKE MY GOWN?

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OH, BILL, THIS IS WONDERFUL! BUT YOU'RE NOT EVEN WATCHING THE SHOW...

I'D RATHER LOOK AT YOU, GLORIA!

IT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENING, BUT OVER TOO SOON! HERE'S A CAB, GLORIA ... I'LL TAKE YOU HOME!

OH, NO! I CAN'T LET HIM SEE WHERE I LIVE-- IT WOULD SPOIL EVERYTHING! HE THINKS I'M RICH... THAT I BELONG TO HIS WEALTHY SET!

NO, BILL! I'LL GO HOME AS I CAME-- ALONE!

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TONIGHT IT WILL HANG IN MY CLOSET, BUT TOMORROW...

THE NEXT DAY, SATURDAY, I PUT THE BORROWED DRESS BACK ON THE RACK! NO ONE WAS THE WISER AND I WAS ALL THE HAPPIER FOR THE ONE ENCHANTED EVENING!

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TWICE I STARTED TO TAKE A DRESS FROM THE RACK, BUT EACH TIME FEAR MADE ME PUT IT BACK! I LEFT THE SHOP... AND ALL MY CHANCES FOR WEARING A BEAUTIFUL DRESS WERE GONE! I STARTED HOME FRIGHTENED AND WORRIED...

JEAN, WHAT DID YOU DO -- SAVE A YEAR'S SALARY AND BUY ONE OF PARISIAN'S DRESSES?

NO, I'VE GOT TO DELIVER THIS TO MRS. ALSWANG ON PARK ROW -- THE DRESS NEEDED SOME ALTERATIONS AND SHE COULDN'T WAIT!

SUDDENLY, A DESPERATE IDEA FIRED MY MIND...

I'LL DELIVER IT FOR YOU -- I'M GOING RIGHT BY THAT NEIGHBORHOOD!

WOULD YOU? THAT'S WONDERFUL! NOW I WON'T BE LATE FOR MY DATE!

AS SOON AS I REACHED HOME, I RACED FOR THE PHONE...

MRS. ALSWANG, THIS IS THE OFFICE OF THE PARISIAN! I'M SORRY, BUT THE TAILOR WAS UNABLE TO FINISH THE ALTERATIONS TODAY.. I'LL HAVE THE DRESS FOR YOU MONDAY!

VERY WELL, BUT BE SURE IT'S HERE MONDAY MORNING!

THAT NIGHT I WENT TO MEET BILL IN THE LOBBY I WORE THE NEW RED DRESS, AND AS I LOOKED FOR BILL, I SUDDENLY SAW...

MRS. ALSWANG! IF SHE SEES ME, I'M RUINED!

SHE PASSED RIGHT BY ME AND I TURNED MY HEAD FEARFULLY...

ISN'T THAT CHIC?

WHY, YES... AND WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT, I JUST ORDERED ONE ***EXACTLY*** LIKE IT!

SHE PASSED WITHOUT RECOGNIZING ME! A MOMENT LATER BILL CAME! HE SEEMED DIFFERENT... HE WAS DRESSED SO SIMPLY...

GLORIA, THAT'S A STUNNING DRESS -- YOUR CLOTHES ARE CERTAINLY THE FINEST! I WAS PLANNING TO GO TO A SMALL RESTAURANT FOR DINNER, BUT IT SEEMS A PITY TO HIDE A DRESS LIKE..

DON'T BE SILLY, BILL -- ANYWHERE YOU WANT TO GO IS PERFECT WITH ME!

WE SAT SIDE BY SIDE IN A LITTLE ITALIAN RESTAURANT! AT FIRST I WAS A BIT SURPRISED THAT BILL SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN THIS PLACE, FOR IT LACKED THE GLAMOR AND RICHNESS WITH WHICH I ASSOCIATED HIM! BUT THE CLOSE INTIMACY OF THE BOOTH MADE ME WONDERFULLY AWARE THAT BILL WAS VERY NEAR ME!

ONE MORE FORKFUL -- IT WON'T HURT YOU!

CAREFUL, BILL! DON'T LET THE SAUCE SPILL!

NOW, HOW ABOUT A CRUISE ON THE RIVER?

A CRUISE, BILL? THAT SOUNDS THRILLING!

THE YACHT I IMAGINED BILL WAS TAKING ME TO TURNED OUT TO BE ONLY A FERRY BOAT... BUT WHEN BILL HELD MY HAND TO HELP ME ABOARD, EVEN THE OLD BATTERED BOAT SEEMED TO CHANGE INTO A PRIVATE LUXURY LAUNCH!

COME ON UP, GLORIA! IT'S MY PRIVATE YACHT, BUT I'VE INVITED SOME OTHERS TO JOIN US TONIGHT! BE CAREFUL GOING UP... WATCH YOUR DRESS!

DON'T WORRY, I WILL!

WHEN I DANCE WITH YOU, I REALLY FEEL AS THOUGH I'M FLOATING!

AND WE ARE, BILL! ON SHORE OR AT SEA, I'M DANCING ON AIR WITH YOU!

SUDDENLY WE WERE ALONE, FLOATING ON A STAR-STUDDED SEA, BATHED IN MOONLIGHT, THE MUSIC PLAYING TO THE BEAT OF MY THROBBING HEART!

GLORIA DARLING, LAST NIGHT I NEVER DREAMED THAT TONIGHT I'D BE HERE NEXT TO YOU, HOLDING YOU CLOSE AND KNOWING THAT I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE!

OH, BILL, HOW LUCKY WE WERE TO HAVE MET!

DARLING!

WE WERE IN LOVE! BILL WHISPERED THAT BURNING WORD TO ME A HUNDRED TIMES THAT NIGHT! BUT WHEN THE BOAT DOCKED, I WAS FORCED ONCE AGAIN TO LIVE OUT MY LIE! THE COSTLY DRESS AND MY CHEAP APARTMENT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE AND I COULDN'T LET BILL FIND OUT ABOUT THEM...

BUT, GLORIA, CAN'T I TAKE YOU HOME TONIGHT?

NO, BILL, I'M SORRY! BUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO, I'LL MEET YOU IN THE LOBBY TOMORROW AT THE SAME TIME!

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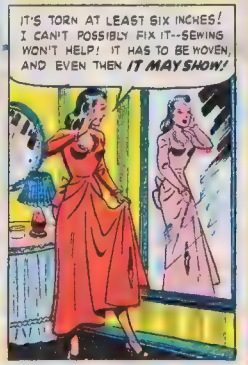
THE RIDE HOME WAS LONELY... I WANTED TO BE NEAR BILL, BUT DARED NOT LET HIM RIDE BACK WITH ME! NOTHING MUST SPOIL THE LOVE I HAD FOUND-- NOT EVEN THE TRUTH! BUT SUDDENLY MY DREAMY RECOLLECTION OF THE EVENING WAS BANISHED...

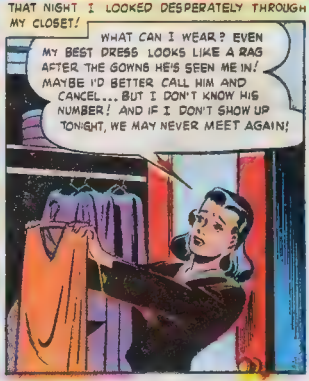
I RAN UPSTAIRS AND, IN THE PRIVACY OF MY ROOM, LOOKED AT THE TEAR!



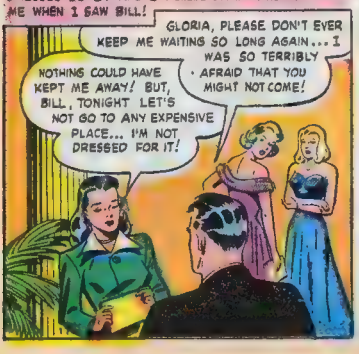
ALL THE NEXT MORNING I RAN FROM ONE SHOP TO THE NEXT... IT WAS SUNDAY AND I BEAT ON THE DOORS AND RANG THE BELLS IN VAIN! FINALLY I FOUND ONE SHOP THAT WAS OPEN...

WILL IT SHOW? I MUST HAVE IT BY MONDAY MORNING!
IT'LL COST YOU $10 BUT I THINK I CAN FIX IT! REMEMBER-- I'M NOT PROMISING IT'LL COME OUT PERFECT BUT I'LL TRY!

THAT NIGHT I LOOKED DESPERATELY THROUGH MY CLOSET!


WHAT CAN I WEAR? EVEN MY BEST DRESS LOOKS LIKE A RAG AFTER THE GOWNS HE'S SEEN ME IN! MAYBE I'D BETTER CALL HIM AND CANCEL... BUT I DON'T KNOW HIS NUMBER! AND IF I DON'T SHOW UP TONIGHT, WE MAY NEVER MEET AGAIN!

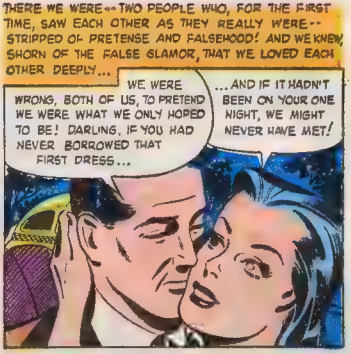
I ARRIVED LATE THAT NIGHT, FEARFUL AND APPREHENSIVE! I WATCHED OTHER WOMEN IN EXPENSIVE DRESSES GO BY AND I PULLED MY COAT TIGHTER AROUND ME WHEN I SAW BILL!


GLORIA, PLEASE DON'T EVER KEEP ME WAITING SO LONG AGAIN... I WAS SO TERRIBLY AFRAID THAT YOU MIGHT NOT COME!
NOTHING COULD HAVE KEPT ME AWAY! BUT, BILL, TONIGHT LET'S NOT GO TO ANY EXPENSIVE PLACE... I'M NOT DRESSED FOR IT!

WE WENT FOR A RIDE IN THE PARK, AND WHEN BILL BEGAN TO TALK TO ME, I COULD SEE HE WAS STRUGGLING FOR COURAGE! WHEN HE SPOKE, I KNEW WHY...

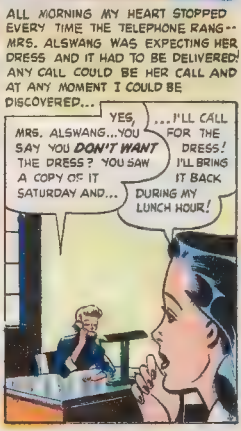
I COULDN'T TAKE YOU TO AN EXPENSIVE PLACE, GLORIA! I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH-- I'M JUST A LAW CLERK MAKING $50 A WEEK! I'VE WANTED FINE THINGS ALL MY LIFE AND ONCE A MONTH I DRESS UP AND GO TO SOME LUXURIOUS ROOM FOR DINNER! THE NIGHT I MET YOU WAS THAT NIGHT...
WHAT!

WILL YOU FORGIVE ME FOR FOOLING YOU? I NEVER MEANT TO LEAD YOU ON!
HOW COULD I BLAME YOU WHEN I'M NOT BLAMELESS MYSELF? THE DRESSES I WORE WEREN'T MINE...I BORROWED THEM FROM THE SHOP WHERE I WORK!

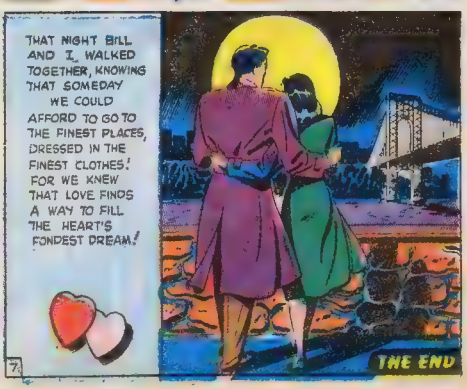

THERE WE WERE--TWO PEOPLE WHO, FOR THE FIRST TIME, SAW EACH OTHER AS THEY REALLY WERE--STRIPPED OF PRETENSE AND FALSEHOOD! AND WE KNEW, SHORN OF THE FALSE GLAMOR, THAT WE LOVED EACH OTHER DEEPLY...
WE WERE WRONG, BOTH OF US, TO PRETEND WE WERE WHAT WE ONLY HOPED TO BE! DARLING, IF YOU HAD NEVER BORROWED THAT FIRST DRESS...
...AND IF IT HADN'T BEEN ON YOUR ONE NIGHT, WE MIGHT NEVER HAVE MET!

HOW MANY TIMES WE RODE AROUND THE PARK THAT NIGHT, HOW MANY KISSES WE EXCHANGED, I CAN'T REMEMBER...
THANKS FOR A LOVELY EVENING AND FOR TAKING ME HOME!
GOOD NIGHT, GLORIA, AND THANKS FOR LETTING ME TAKE YOU HOME AT LAST! I REALLY KNOW YOU NOW--AND I LOVE YOU!

BUT THE PINK CLOUDS THAT FILLED MY WORLD WERE TURNING BLACK THE NEXT MORNING!
BUT I MUST HAVE IT NOW! WHAT'LL I DO?
I'M SORRY, BUT THE TEAR WAS WORSE THAN I FIRST FIGURED... IT WON'T BE READY TILL NOON!


ALL MORNING MY HEART STOPPED EVERY TIME THE TELEPHONE RANG--MRS. ALSWANG WAS EXPECTING HER DRESS AND IT HAD TO BE DELIVERED! ANY CALL COULD BE HER CALL AND AT ANY MOMENT I COULD BE DISCOVERED...
YES, MRS. ALSWANG...YOU SAY YOU DON'T WANT THE DRESS? YOU SAW A COPY OF IT SATURDAY AND...
...I'LL CALL FOR THE DRESS! I'LL BRING IT BACK DURING MY LUNCH HOUR!

SHE SEEMED QUITE ANGRY! WELL, I GUESS SHE WANTS IT PICKED UP... YOU CAN GET IT, GLORIA...AT LUNCH! I WOULD HAVE SWORN IT WAS AN EXCLUSIVE...
DURING MY LUNCH HOUR, I RAN BACK TO THE TAILOR'S, GLADLY PAID THE $10, AND BROUGHT THE DRESS BACK TO THE SHOP, KNOWING THAT NEVER AGAIN WOULD I DO SUCH A FOOLISH THING!


THAT NIGHT BILL AND I, WALKED TOGETHER, KNOWING THAT SOMEDAY WE COULD AFFORD TO GO TO THE FINEST PLACES, DRESSED IN THE FINEST CLOTHES! FOR WE KNEW THAT LOVE FINDS A WAY TO FILL THE HEART'S FONDEST DREAM!
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Old Flame Is Boy's Problem . . .

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Editor,

I've been going steady with a boy for a year, and I'm crazy about him. He was engaged to another girl before he met me, but she broke the engagement, and it broke his heart. That was three years ago, but he still talks about her.

I love him and know that he loves me, but how can I get him to forget her?

P. F. S.

Dear P. F. S.,

This is your boy friend's problem, not yours. He must take the vital steps toward forgetting his past romance. He could easily begin by not talking about this girl, thus making an attempt to forget her. Perhaps, too, if he saw her again he'd discover that she isn't as exciting as he remembers her to be.

Three years of dreaming can alter any reality. If he does love you, he should make an effort to cleanse his mind so that nothing mars his new love.

Broken Dates Cause Mistrust . . .

Stafford Springs, Conn.

Dear Editor,

I am sixteen, and I like a boy who is seventeen. We have been going together for a couple of weeks. He has a bad habit of making dates, then breaking them by saying he has to go away for the weekend.

How can I tell if he is being truthful or if he doesn't want to date me anymore?

L. M.

Dear L. M.,

No one is forcing this young man to date you against his will. Seemingly, he has the best intentions when he asks you for a date. He even asks you in advance to make sure that you won't make other plans.

If you've only been going with him a couple of weeks, he has only broken a few dates with you. Of course it is possible that he had to go out of town, and that he was genuinely sorry to have to break his dates with you. We say, give him another chance before you cross him off your list!

Summer Romance Cools With Winter . . .

Dyer, Indiana

Dear Editor,

Last summer I went steady with a boy and fell deeply in love with him. At the end of the summer he returned to college to finish his last year. Since then, I have received only one letter from him. I have written and written, but he hasn't answered. Meanwhile, I've been dating a boy who loves me very much.

I don't want to hurt this boy, but my college friend will be home soon, and I would like to see him. What should I do?

B. H.

Dear B. H.,

The life span of a summer romance is usually a summer. You probably had a wonderful time with your college friend, but the time has come to chalk it up to good old experience. He has returned to his classes and a social life that is remote from last summer's fun. He's being realistic, and living in the present—why don't you follow his example?

You have found a new person to fill the social gap, so we advise you to continue dating your current flame, and forget about your summer love which died in September.

True Love Travels Far . . .

Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Editor,

I'm sixteen and have been going steady with a girl who lives fifteen miles from Hobbs. My parents say that I should date a girl who lives in my town, but I don't want to see anyone else. Recently we set our wedding date for three years and 10 months from now. My parents don't realize that we are that serious, and I don't know how to tell them.

Can you please advise me?

T. P.

Dear T. P.,

Your parents are looking out for your welfare and—from their point of view—it would be better for you to date a girl who is nearby. If you explained to them that you were going steady with a girl you liked very

much, they would most probably understand your problem and help you to work it out.

Southern Miss Asks About Love . . .

Fayetteville, Ark.

Dear Editor,

I'm nineteen years old and very much in love with a man who is thirty-six years old. He goes out with other women, and yet he says he loves me. I'm wondering how he can love me and go with other women? He told me I could not date other men, and this seems unfair to me. I'm confused.

C. V. L.

Dear C. V. L.,

This gent is burning the rope at both ends, and getting away with it. He is taking advantage of you and your time, and *you* are letting him. Your best move is to open the door wide and push him out of your life. If he were really in love with you, he would devote his time only to you. The word love isn't to be used lightly, and he is old enough to know better.

Father Won't Let Daughter Date . . .

Greer, S. C.

Dear Editor,

I'm a girl fourteen years of age, but my father says I'm too young to date boys. All my girl friends date high school boys, yet Daddy says I'm too young.

I've been slipping out to date and have met a nice boy, and I'm in love with him. I know you may think I'm too young to know what real love means, but I do know that I love him with all my heart. What shall I do?

B. W.

Dear B. W.,

Here are some things for you to do—and we urgently advise you to consider them carefully. First, play square with your father and tell him that you have been dating. Then, listen to his advice. Remember that his experience and age have given him wisdom that you should respect.

Perhaps if you introduced this nice young man and your other friends to your father, he'd be more willing to allow you to go out. Remember he is only trying to protect you from unnecessary trouble, and he does this because he loves you.

Boy Afraid To "Rob Cradle"

New York City

Dear Editor,

I'm madly in love with a girl who is four years younger than I am. I would like very much to go steady with her, but if I do, every one of my friends will say that I'm "robbing the cradle." You see, she is fifteen and I am nineteen. Please give me an answer to this problem.

D. J. G.

Dear D. J. G.,

If you are willing to let your friends dictate to your heart, you don't seem to be "madly in love" at all! You and this young lady are both in your teens and should have many things in common. Why throw away a chance to enjoy this girl's friendship because of what people will say?

You have a mind of your own, and you should be able to make your own decisions without any coaching from the sidelines. Do *you* think you are "robbing the cradle?" If not, call her up today!

A Wise Soldier With Love . . .

Ojai, Calif.

Dear Editor,

I will be seventeen soon, and I have a boy friend in the service to whom I write everyday. He writes to me everyday, too, and tells me that he loves me. When he comes home on leave, we never have much fun or go out together very often. He says he won't marry while he is in the service. Can you give me some suggestions?

V. E. Z.

Dear V. E. Z.,

Your soldier is playing safe by not putting himself in a position that might influence his former decision. When he's away from you, he evidently can reveal his true feelings without emotional pressure. It is this pressure that he probably feels when he comes home on leave, so that his conversation lacks the romantic vitality of his letters.

This Teen-Age Problem Comes From Vermont . . .

Dear Editor,

For a long time I've wanted to go steady with a boy named Joe. He finally asked me and I was thrilled. Now my parents object to our going steady and want me to go out with other boys. I'm afraid that if we stop going steady, he'll forget about me. How can I make my parents see my side?

R. N. J.

Dear R. N. J.,

Have you ever stopped to question just why your parents object to your seeing just one fellow? You can't completely ignore their feelings. Why not discuss the problem with them? If Joe likes you enough to go steady, he'll surely still want to date you. You can have fun with a boy without having a lasso around his neck.

Our Editors are interested in solving your love problems . . . If they are interesting or unique, send them to My Own Romance, Suite 1404, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City. We are only able to answer letters which can be published in our column.

JULES AND SAM FIRED! THE HUGE APE SWAYED, CLAPPED A MONSTROUS HAND TO HIS BREAST...
HE'S...NOT GOING DOWN! SHOOT, DEAN, SHOOT!
I CAN'T, KAY... I--CAN'T!

AFRICA! THE MYSTERIOUS, DARK CONTINENT! WHAT AWESOME SECRETS IT HAS BURIED DEEP IN ITS SILENT BOSOM! IT WAS IN THIS LAND OF ENCHANTMENT AND TERROR THAT I WAS TO FIND MY GREATEST ADVENTURE! IT WAS IN THIS LAND OF MYSTERY THAT I WAS TO ASK MYSELF THE DREAD QUESTION...

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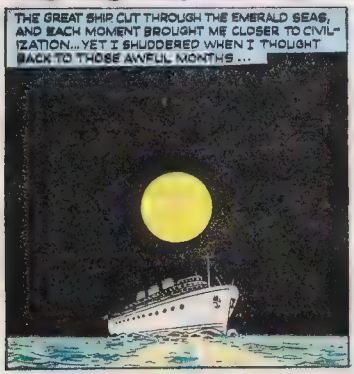
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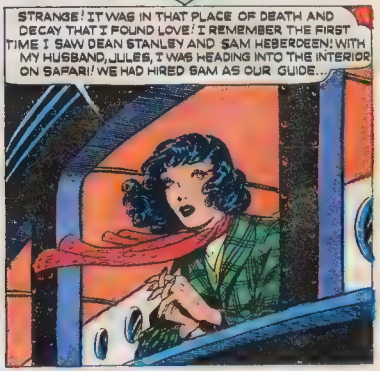
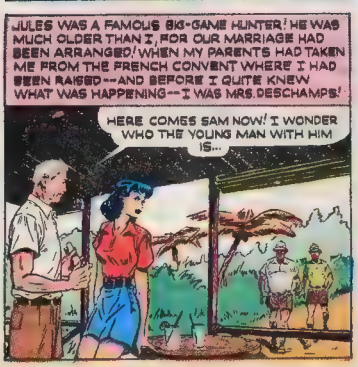
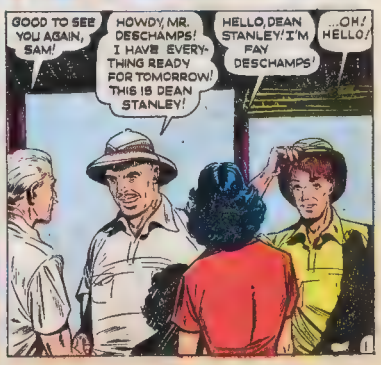

STRANGE! IT WAS IN THAT PLACE OF DEATH AND DECAY THAT I FOUND LOVE! I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I SAW DEAN STANLEY AND SAM HEBERDEEN! WITH MY HUSBAND, JULES, I WAS HEADING INTO THE INTERIOR ON SAFARI! WE HAD HIRED SAM AS OUR GUIDE...


JULES WAS A FAMOUS BIG-GAME HUNTER! HE WAS MUCH OLDER THAN I, FOR OUR MARRIAGE HAD BEEN ARRANGED! WHEN MY PARENTS HAD TAKEN ME FROM THE FRENCH CONVENT WHERE I HAD BEEN RAISED--AND BEFORE I QUITE KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING--I WAS MRS. DESCHAMPS!
HERE COMES SAM NOW! I WONDER WHO THE YOUNG MAN WITH HIM IS...


GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SAM!
HOWDY, MR. DESCHAMPS! I HAVE EVERYTHING READY FOR TOMORROW! THIS IS DEAN STANLEY!
HELLO, DEAN STANLEY! I'M FAY DESCHAMPS!
...OH! HELLO!

HE COULDN'T TAKE HIS EYES FROM ME.. AND I HAD THE SAME TROUBLE SO FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED! HE WAS YOUNG, AND JULES HAD SEEN TO IT THAT I HADN'T MADE FRIENDS WITH ANY PEOPLE MY OWN AGE!

MR. DESCHAMPS, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, BUT DEAN IS HUNTING IN THE SAME DIRECTION WE ARE AND I SUGGESTED THAT WE JOIN FORCES!

A SPLENDID IDEA!

ARE YOU GOING ALONG WITH YOUR FATHER ON THE HUNT?

A SLIGHT ERROR, MR STANLEY! FAY IS MY WIFE! THIS IS HER FIRST TRIP INTO THE INTERIOR!

IT'S DEAN'S FIRST TRIP TOO! HIS DAD WAS THE FAMOUS EXPLORER, CLYDE STANLEY!

I THINK IT WAS THEN, AFTER THAT MISTAKEN QUERY BY DEAN, THAT THE IDEA WAS BORN IN JULES' MIND TO SHOW DEAN UP IN FRONT OF ME.. TO PROVE TO ME THAT HE WAS A BETTER MAN THAN DEAN!

I'M SORRY, MR DESCHAMPS, I DIDN'T DREAM..

YES, I KNOW! WE'LL FORGET IT, SHALL WE?

SO YOU'RE MRS. DESCHAMPS! I'D HEARD YOU WERE BEAUTIFUL--BUT WHAT I HEARD SURE DOESN'T DO YOU JUSTICE!

DEAN AND SAM LEFT A FEW MOMENTS LATER! WE WERE ANXIOUS TO GO TO BED EARLY, FOR WITH THE DAWN WE WERE TO START THE FIRST LEG OF OUR SAFARI! I LAY IN MY MOSQUITO-NETTED BED AND FELL ASLEEP WITH THE IMAGE OF DEAN IN MY MIND!

IT SEEMED AS THOUGH I HAD SCARCELY CLOSED MY EYES WHEN IT WAS MORNING! WE ATE HURRIEDLY AND SOON WERE ON THE TRAIL, THE NATIVE CARRIERS SINGING A CHANT BEHIND US!

HAVE YOU EVER HUNTED BIG GAME, MR DEAN?

NO, I HAVEN'T! I'VE BEEN IN COLLEGE HAD NO TIME FOR ANYTHING BUT STUDY!

WE CAMPED EARLY OUR FIRST DAY OUT! I WAS DEAD TIRED, AND AFTER DINNER WENT TO MY TENT! I FELT EYES FOLLOWING MY EVERY MOVE! AS I PULLED THE FLAP DOWN, I TURNED.. AND LOOKED INTO THE EYES OF SAM! HE QUICKLY TURNED HIS HEAD AWAY, BUT THERE WAS NO MISTAKING THE BEASTLIKE EXPRESSION!

I THREW MYSELF ON THE CAMP COT, AND SUDDENLY WAS AFRAID.. AFRAID OF THE JUNGLE, OF SAM, OF JULES AND THE STREAK OF CRUELTY THAT I KNEW HE POSSESSED, AND AFRAID, TOO, OF MY FEELINGS FOR DEAN!

THE DAYS MERGED INTO WEEKS, AND SOON WE WERE DEEP IN THE FOREST! THE GREATER THE DISTANCE FROM CIVILIZATION, THE BOLDER SAM BECAME! HE WAS ALWAYS CLOSE ENOUGH TO SCARE ME! ONE DAY WE CAME TO A STREAM AND...
C'MON, FAY, I'LL CARRY YOU ACROSS
PUT ME DOWN, SAM! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME!
YOU HEARD THE LADY, SAM! PUT HER DOWN--NOW!
THAT GUN BETTER NOT GO OFF, JULES! WITHOUT ME, YOU'D NEVER GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE!
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU, SAM! IT WOULD BE WELL IF YOU STAYED AWAY FROM KAY!
SAM RELEASED ME! HIS EYES GLOWED AMBER...AND THEN HE STARTED SLOWLY FOR JULES! FRANTICALLY, I LOOKED AT JULES--EXPECTING HIM TO SHOOT! BUT INSTEAD I SAW HIM SHRINK BACK AND PALLOR OVERSPREAD HIS FACE!
STOP! STOP IT, SAM! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
SUDDENLY A SHOUT FROM ONE OF THE BEARERS RANG OUT, SNAPPING THE SUDDEN TENSION!
BWANA! BWANA! MAN-APES COME!
GORILLAS! METSU, MY RIFLE--QUICK!
DEAN RAN TO MY SIDE! FROM OUT OF THE FOLIAGE, NOT TEN FEET FROM US, A HUGE BLACK, MAN-LIKE BEAST WAS SLOWLY MOVING TOWARD US, HIS LIPS CURLING OVER HIS YELLOW FANGS IN A HORRIBLE GRIN!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM!
JULES AND SAM FIRED! THE HUGE APE SWAYED, CLAPPED A MONSTROUS HAND TO HIS BREAST..
HE'S..NOT GOING DOWN! SHOOT, DEAN, SHOOT!
I CAN'T, KAY.. I--CAN'T!
AS SUDDENLY AS HE APPEARED, THE GORILLA WAS SWALLOWED UP BY LUSH FOREST GROWTH!
WE'RE LUCKY! HE'D NEVER SEEN A MAN BEFORE... AND WHEN HE WAS HIT HE JUST HIGH-TAILED IT AWAY TO THINK IT OVER!
THEY'RE VERY UNPREDICT-ABLE! BY THE WAY, I DIDN'T HEAR DEAN'S WEAPON!
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DEAN STOOD BESIDE ME, HIS FACE BATHED IN PERSPIRATION! THEN I SAW SAM SLOWLY TURN HIS HEAD FROM JULES TO DEAN, AND SUDDENLY KNEW THE THOUGHTS THAT RAN THROUGH HIS MIND! DEAN WAS A COWARD...JULES WAS AFRAID OF HIM... HE WAS THE UNCHALLENGED MASTER OF OUR LITTLE GROUP!

WELL, DEAN MUST HAVE RUN BACK TO PROTECT FAY! WAS THAT IT, DEAN?

OH, STOP IT, JULES!

WE'LL PITCH CAMP! A LITTLE TOO MUCH EXCITEMENT FOR YOUR WIFE, JULES!

COME, MY DEAR, SIT DOWN...YOU'RE TIRED!

WE PITCHED CAMP! DEAN WENT TO HIS TENT AND STAYED THERE! NIGHT BLANKETED THE FOREST.. AND THE TENSION WITHIN THE CAMP MOUNTED!

I THINK I'LL GO TO MY TENT NOW!

AW, DON'T GO YET! THE NIGHT'S YOUNG AND YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL WITH THE FIRELIGHT COLORING YOUR HAIR!

LET ME GO, PLEASE! YOU ARE BECOMING UNBEARABLE!

OKAY! DON'T GET MAD WITH OLD SAM! OLD SAM'S JUST TRYING TO BE FRIENDLY AND SOCIABLE, THAT'S ALL!

SAM, YOU...

HE RELEASED MY ARM...I TURNED AND WALKED TO MY TENT, HEARING THE VOICES OF SAM AND MY HUSBAND BEHIND ME!

I WHAT, JULES? SAY IT, JULES..THERE'S NO ONE HERE BUT US!

SAM, TOMORROW WE SHALL TURN BACK TO THE COAST!

WE'RE *NOT* TURNING BACK... WE'RE GOING ON! I'LL GIVE THE ORDERS AROUND HERE FROM NOW ON, SEE? I'VE GOT A HUNCH THAT THIS IS GONNA TURN OUT TO BE THE MOST INTERESTING HUNT I'VE EVER GUIDED!

A VOICE CALLED SOFTLY FROM OUTSIDE THE REAR OF MY TENT...DEAN'S VOICE!

I WALKED BACK AND OPENED THE FLAP! DEAN STOOD THERE!

FAY, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TODAY! WHEN I SAW THAT GORILLA, I.. WELL, I WAS SCARED STIFF!

YES, I KNOW DEAN! LET'S FORGET IT!

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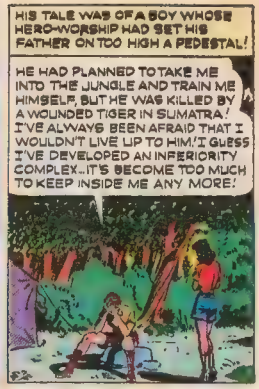
BUT I CAN'T FORGET IT. I'VE GOT TO TALK ABOUT IT TO SOMEONE. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I FEEL I CAN TALK TO!
ALL RIGHT, DEAN!

I KNOW YOU THINK I'M A COWARD. WELL, I THINK I AM TOO! YOU SEE, MY FATHER WAS A GREAT EXPLORER, ABSOLUTELY FEARLESS! I WAS TO FOLLOW IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS!


HIS TALE WAS OF A BOY WHOSE HERO-WORSHIP HAD SET HIS FATHER ON TOO HIGH A PEDESTAL!
HE HAD PLANNED TO TAKE ME INTO THE JUNGLE AND TRAIN ME HIMSELF, BUT HE WAS KILLED BY A WOUNDED TIGER IN SUMATRA! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AFRAID THAT I WOULDN'T LIVE UP TO HIM! I GUESS I'VE DEVELOPED AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX... IT'S BECOME TOO MUCH TO KEEP INSIDE ME ANY MORE!

I WANTED YOU TO UNDERSTAND, FAY, BECAUSE - WELL, JUST BECAUSE, THAT'S ALL!
DEAN... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

THEN I WAS KNEELING BESIDE HIM, AND HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS! I KNEW IT WAS WRONG, BUT I LET HIM! HE WAS OF MY OWN AGE..
OH, DEAN... I'VE NEVER ADMITTED IT BEFORE, BUT I'M SCARED! I'M TERRIBLY SCARED! I'M SCARED OF SAM... AND I'M EVEN AFRAID OF JULES, MY OWN HUSBAND!
I KNOW, FAY DARLING, WE MUST PLAN HOW TO GET YOU AWAY FROM HERE! WE ARE HELPLESS AGAINST SAM... HE HOLDS ALL OUR LIVES IN THOSE BRUTAL HANDS OF HIS!

THE DRONE OF VOICES, JULES' AND SAM'S, NOW BECAME ANGRY! WE COULD HEAR THEM TOO CLEARLY FOR COMFORT!
QUICK, GET INTO YOUR TENT! WAIT! FAY, MAY I KISS YOU...
PLEASE DO, DEAN! I'M AFRAID. KISS ME, MY DEAR.. IT MAY HAVE TO LAST A LONG TIME!

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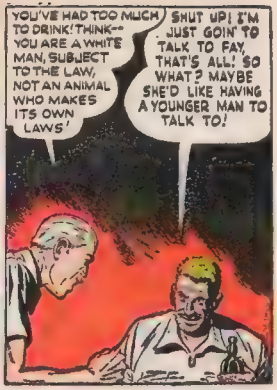
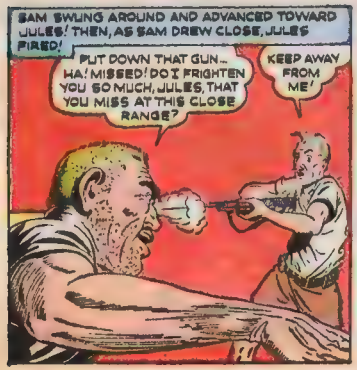
WE PARTED RELUCTANTLY, THINKING THAT WE MUST CARRY THE MEMORY OF THAT SWEET EMBRACE IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER!
WATCH FROM YOUR TENT.. KEEP YOUR GUN HANDY... YOU MAY NEED IT! GOOD-BYE, DEAR!
BE CAREFUL, DEAN!

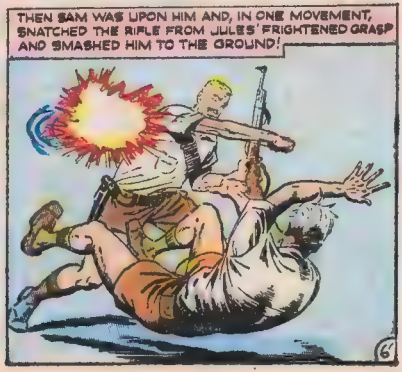
I RUSHED TO THE FRONT OF MY TENT AND LOOKED OUT AT THE SCENE BEING ENACTED! SAM HAD BEEN DRINKING, WAS STILL DRINKING!.. JULES SAT RIGID IN HIS CHAIR, STARING AT HIM!
SAM, YOU CAN'T DO IT... WE ARE NOT SAVAGES, WE ARE CIVILIZED PEOPLE! I FORGID IT!

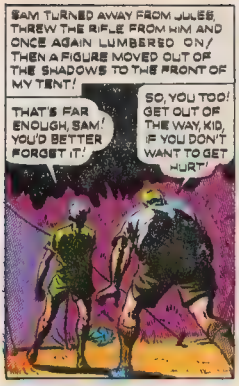

YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK! THINK-- YOU ARE A WHITE MAN, SUBJECT TO THE LAW, NOT AN ANIMAL WHO MAKES ITS OWN LAWS!
SHUT UP! I'M JUST GOIN' TO TALK TO FAY, THAT'S ALL! SO WHAT? MAYBE SHE'D LIKE HAVING A YOUNGER MAN TO TALK TO!

YOU'RE DRUNK! I WON'T LET YOU--
GET OUT OF THE WAY! I HAVEN'T SEEN A WOMAN AS BEAUTIFUL AS FAY IN A LONG TIME!

I STARED IN HORROR AS SAM STALKED SLOWLY TOWARD MY TENT, HIS EYES GLARING WICKEDLY! THEN I HEARD JULES SHOUT--
STOP, OR I'LL SHOOT!


SAM SWUNG AROUND AND ADVANCED TOWARD JULES! THEN, AS SAM DREW CLOSE, JULES FIRED!
PUT DOWN THAT GUN... HA! MISSED! DO I FRIGHTEN YOU SO MUCH, JULES, THAT YOU MISS AT THIS CLOSE RANGE?
KEEP AWAY FROM ME!


THEN SAM WAS UPON HIM AND, IN ONE MOVEMENT, SNATCHED THE RIFLE FROM JULES' FRIGHTENED GRASP AND SMASHED HIM TO THE GROUND!


SAM TURNED AWAY FROM JULES, THREW THE RIFLE FROM HIM AND ONCE AGAIN LUMBERED ON/ THEN A FIGURE MOVED OUT OF THE SHADOWS TO THE FRONT OF MY TENT!
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, SAM! YOU'D BETTER FORGET IT!
SO, YOU TOO! GET OUT OF THE WAY, KID, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT!

THEN DEAN LEAPED FORWARD AND STRUCK!
YOU'LL HAVE TO GET PAST ME FIRST, SAM!

SO THE BOY SCOUT'S BECOME A MAN KILLER, HEY? YOU'VE PICKED THE WRONG MAN KID!

BACK AND FORTH, LIKE JUNGLE BEASTS, THE TWO MEN FOUGHT! THE OUTCOME WAS INEVITABLE! DEAN, FOR ALL HIS COURAGE, WAS NO MATCH FOR THE HUGE GUIDE'S BRUTAL STRENGTH! I STOOD FROZEN INTO IMMOBILITY BY THE PRIMITIVENESS OF IT ALL!
DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'RE LICKED, DO YOU?
NOT...LICKED YET!

DEAN WENT DOWN HORRIBLY, THEN SLOWLY HE PUSHED HIMSELF TO HIS HANDS AND KNEES AND CRAWLED TOWARD SAM!
I HATE TO DO THIS, KID, BUT YOU WON'T HAVE IT NO OTHER WAY!

DEAN LAY TWITCHING ON THE GROUND! SAM TURNED AND CAME TOWARD ME! I REACHED OUT AND GRABBED THE HEAVY RIFLE LEANING AGAINST MY COT! I HEARD HIS FOOTSTEPS COMING CLOSER!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, SAM... I SWEAR IT!

I LOOKED AGAIN.. DEAN WAS ON HIS FEET ONCE MORE! HE HAD LIFTED A LOG.. JULES WAS STANDING BEYOND THE FIRE, SWAYING, HIS HAND TO HIS FACE! DEAN STAGGERED TOWARD SAM, AND..
YOU'RE NOT GOING IN THERE!

YOU DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO STAY DOWN, DO YOU, DEAN?
NO, I WON'T STOP, SAM! YOU'LL NEVER ANNOY FAY WHILE I'M ALIVE!
I RAISED THE RIFLE AS THOUGH IN A DREAM... I HEARD THE ROAR, FELT THE JERK OF THE STOCK AT MY SHOULDER! SAM DROPPED HIS GUN!
SAM'S HAND WENT TO HIS SHOULDER ...THEN HE TURNED AND WALKED UP TO HIS TENT! THE WHOLE INCIDENT SEEMED AS THOUGH IT HAD HAPPENED BEFORE! THEN IT CAME TO ME... THE GORILLA, THE SHOT, THE GREAT APE'S EXPRESSION... SAM AND THE MAN-APE! I WAS ON THE VERGE OF HYSTERIA!
QUICK, GET RIFLES, FOOD, CANTEENS! WE MUST LEAVE HERE AT ONCE!
DEAN REPORTED THAT SAM HAD BANDAGED HIS WOUNDED SHOULDER AND FALLEN INTO A DRUNKEN SLEEP! WE FLED FROM THE CAMP, INTO THE DEADLY DANGERS OF THE UNCHARTED JUNGLE!
I'LL WALK TO THE FORE, TO TAKE CARE OF ANY ANIMALS THAT MIGHT ATTACK US...THAT, I THINK, IS BETTER THAN TO DEPEND ON DEAN!
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED, I DON'T THINK IT'S WISE FOR YOU TO MAKE REMARKS ABOUT DEAN!
LET IT GO, FAY! WE'LL HAVE A LOT MORE TO WORRY ABOUT BEFORE WE GET OUT OF THIS IF WE DO!
DAWN FOUND US CROSSING A GRASSY STRETCH OF GROUND! I TURNED TO SMILE AT DEAN, WHEN THERE WAS A SUDDEN COUGHING ROAR AND JULES SCREAMED!
AARRRGGHH!
LOOK OUT, FAY!
DEAN! DEAN!
A HORRIBLE CHOKING GROWL, AND THE BEAST LASHED OUT AT DEAN!
THE HUGE MANED HEAD LOWERED AND THE TAWNY BODY CRUMPLED IN DEATH!
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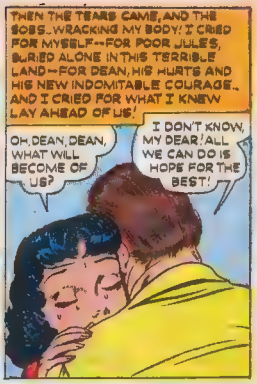
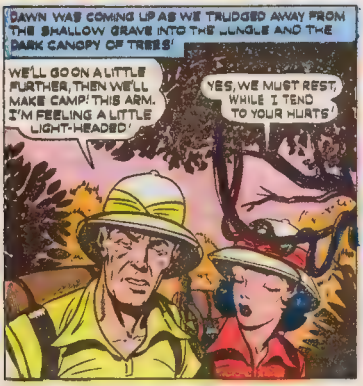
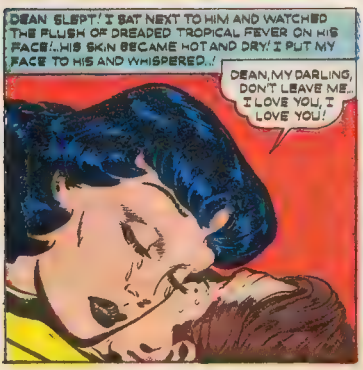
HE'S DEAD, FAY.. JULES IS DEAD!

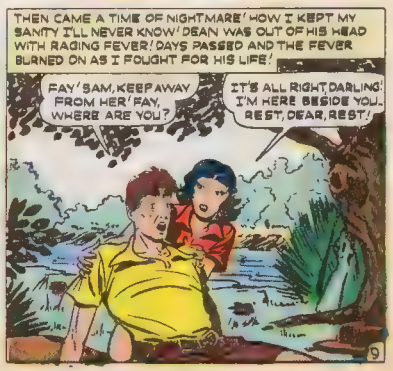
DEAN MADE A SOLUTION OF PERMANGANATE CRYSTALS AND POURED IT ON HIS LACERATED ARM! THEN HE DUG A SHALLOW GRAVE AND BURIED JULES'
I WISH I HAD SOME ROCKS TO PILE ON TOP


THEN THE TEARS CAME, AND THE SOBS..WRACKING MY BODY! I CRIED FOR MYSELF--FOR POOR JULES, BURIED ALONE IN THIS TERRIBLE LAND--FOR DEAN, HIS HURTS AND HIS NEW INDOMITABLE COURAGE.. AND I CRIED FOR WHAT I KNEW LAY AHEAD OF US!
OH, DEAN, DEAN, WHAT WILL BECOME OF US?
I DON'T KNOW, MY DEAR! ALL WE CAN DO IS HOPE FOR THE BEST!


DAWN WAS COMING UP AS WE TRUDGED AWAY FROM THE SHALLOW GRAVE INTO THE JUNGLE AND THE DARK CANOPY OF TREES!
WE'LL GO ON A LITTLE FURTHER, THEN WE'LL MAKE CAMP! THIS ARM. I'M FEELING A LITTLE LIGHT-HEADED!
YES, WE MUST REST, WHILE I TEND TO YOUR HURTS!

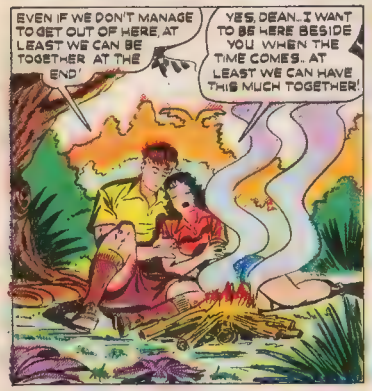
WE FOUND A SMALL STREAM AND MADE CAMP! WE ATE A LITTLE FROM OUR MEAGER SUPPLIES, AND DEAN LAY DOWN WHILE I TENDED HIS ARM!
I DON'T FEEL WELL, FAY. I THINK I'LL REST AWHILE!
SLEEP, DARLING-- I'LL AWAKEN YOU IF I NEED YOU!

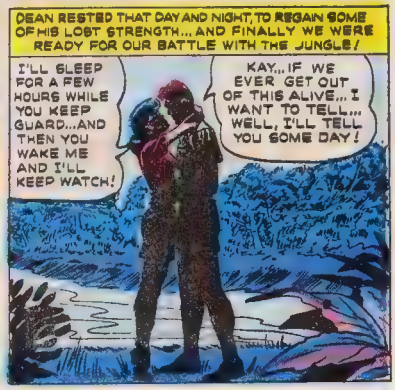

DEAN SLEPT! I SAT NEXT TO HIM AND WATCHED THE FLUSH OF DREADED TROPICAL FEVER ON HIS FACE!..HIS SKIN BECAME HOT AND DRY! I PUT MY FACE TO HIS AND WHISPERED..!
DEAN, MY DARLING, DON'T LEAVE ME.. I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU!


THEN CAME A TIME OF NIGHTMARE! HOW I KEPT MY SANITY I'LL NEVER KNOW! DEAN WAS OUT OF HIS HEAD WITH RAGING FEVER! DAYS PASSED AND THE FEVER BURNED ON AS I FOUGHT FOR HIS LIFE!
FAY! SAM, KEEP AWAY FROM HER! FAY, WHERE ARE YOU?
IT'S ALL RIGHT, DARLING! I'M HERE BESIDE YOU.. REST, DEAR, REST!

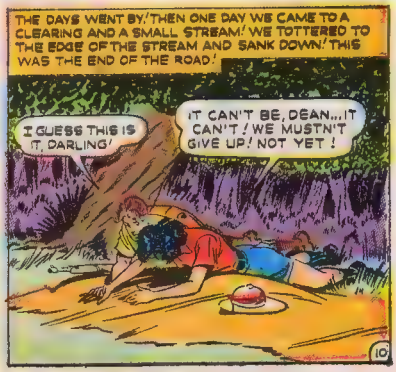
THEN ON THE SEVENTH MORNING I AWOKE AND WENT TO DEAN! HE SMILED AT ME, THE LIGHT OF RECOGNITION IN HIS EYES, THE FEVER GONE!
DEAN! YOU'RE WELL!
YES, FAY, I'M ALL RIGHT NOW! HOW--HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED, HOW HE GOT WELL HERE IN THIS FOREST OF DEATH.. ALL THAT I KNEW WAS THAT HE HAD RECOVERED AND WE WERE TOGETHER!
OH, MY DEAR, I DIDN'T KNOW...I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO.
NO, FAY... I COULDN'T DIE... I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU HERE ALONE! EVEN WHEN I WAS SO SICK WITH THE FEVER--EVEN THEN, I FOUGHT TO COME BACK TO YOU!


EVEN IF WE DON'T MANAGE TO GET OUT OF HERE, AT LEAST WE CAN BE TOGETHER AT THE END!
YES, DEAN.. I WANT TO BE HERE BESIDE YOU WHEN THE TIME COMES.. AT LEAST WE CAN HAVE THIS MUCH TOGETHER!

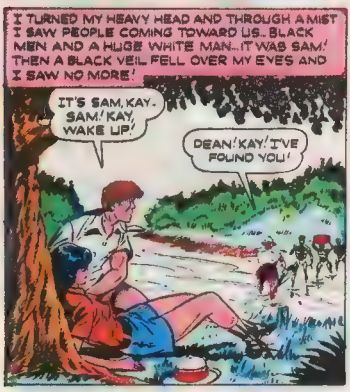

DEAN RESTED THAT DAY AND NIGHT, TO REGAIN SOME OF HIS LOST STRENGTH... AND FINALLY WE WERE READY FOR OUR BATTLE WITH THE JUNGLE!
I'LL SLEEP FOR A FEW HOURS WHILE YOU KEEP GUARD...AND THEN YOU WAKE ME AND I'LL KEEP WATCH!
KAY... IF WE EVER GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE... I WANT TO TELL... WELL, I'LL TELL YOU SOME DAY!

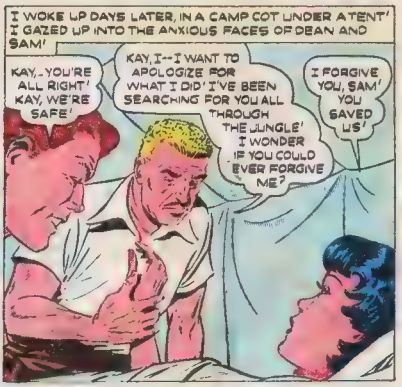
THE NEXT MORNING WE STARTED OUT.. AND THEN BEGAN AN ENDLESS SUCCESSION OF DAYS, EACH ONE THE SAME AS THE ONE BEFORE.. AND WITH EACH DAY WE GREW WEAKER AND WEAKER!
I HOPE WE COME TO SOME GOOD GAME COUNTRY SOON! WE HAVEN'T MUCH FOOD LEFT!
WE'LL KEEP UP, DEAN!

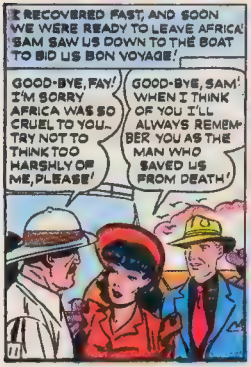

THE DAYS WENT BY! THEN ONE DAY WE CAME TO A CLEARING AND A SMALL STREAM! WE TOTTERED TO THE EDGE OF THE STREAM AND SANK DOWN! THIS WAS THE END OF THE ROAD!
I GUESS THIS IS IT, DARLING!
IT CAN'T BE, DEAN... IT CAN'T! WE MUSTN'T GIVE UP! NOT YET!

A DEADLY LASSITUDE SWEPT OVER US! OUR EYES FELT HEAVY, WE WERE DRIFTING INTO SLEEP! OUR LAST SLEEP BEFORE THE DEEP SLEEP OF ETERNITY!
I LOVE YOU, DEAR!
I LOVE YOU, DARLING.. IF ONLY WE HAD MET UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES! IF ONLY--

I BEGAN TO SINK DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE SOFT SLEEPY BLACKNESS..IT SEEMED TO ME THAT I HEARD VOICES CALLING FROM FAR AWAY! THEN I WAS BEING SHAKEN, AND WITH AN EFFORT I OPENED MY EYES!
FAY, DARLING! WAKE UP.. WAKE UP! LOOK.. ACROSS THE STREAM!
WHA.. WHAT?


I TURNED MY HEAVY HEAD AND THROUGH A MIST I SAW PEOPLE COMING TOWARD US.. BLACK MEN AND A HUGE WHITE MAN..IT WAS SAM! THEN A BLACK VEIL FELL OVER MY EYES AND I SAW NO MORE!
IT'S SAM, KAY-SAM! KAY, WAKE UP!
DEAN! KAY! I'VE FOUND YOU!


I WOKE UP DAYS LATER, IN A CAMP COT UNDER A TENT! I GAZED UP INTO THE ANXIOUS FACES OF DEAN AND SAM!
KAY,- YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! KAY, WE'RE SAFE!
KAY, I--I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT I DID! I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU ALL THROUGH THE JUNGLE! I WONDER IF YOU COULD EVER FORGIVE ME?
I FORGIVE YOU, SAM! YOU SAVED US!


I RECOVERED FAST, AND SOON WE WERE READY TO LEAVE AFRICA! SAM SAW US DOWN TO THE BOAT TO BID US BON VOYAGE!
GOOD-BYE, FAY! I'M SORRY AFRICA WAS SO CRUEL TO YOU.. TRY NOT TO THINK TOO HARSHLY OF ME, PLEASE!
GOOD-BYE, SAM! WHEN I THINK OF YOU I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU AS THE MAN WHO SAVED US FROM DEATH!

THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS! AFRICA IS BEHIND US AND SOON WE WILL BE BACK IN CIVILIZATION..BACK FROM THE BLACKNESS OF THE JUNGLE, TO A NEW LIFE FOR DEAN AND ME!
FAY, DARLING!

SO IT WAS THAT DEAN AND I JOURNEYED THROUGH THE VALLEY OF DEATH, TO EMERGE AT LAST IN THE GOLDEN LIGHT OF A GREAT AND ABIDING LOVE!
THE END

And to think they used to call me

SKINNY!

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PEOPLE used to laugh at my skinny, 97 lb. body. I was so embarrassed at my weakling build that I was ashamed to strip for sports or for a swim. Girls snickered and made fun of me behind my back. THEN I discovered my marvelous new muscle-building system—"*Dynamic Tension.*" And it turned me into such a complete *specimen* of MANHOOD that today I hold the title "THE WORLD'S MOST PERFECTLY DEVELOPED MAN."

That's how I traded in my "bag of bones" for a barrel of muscle! And I felt so much better, so much on *top of the world* in my big new, husky body, that I decided to devote my whole life to helping other fellows change themselves into "perfectly developed men."

WHAT'S MY SECRET?

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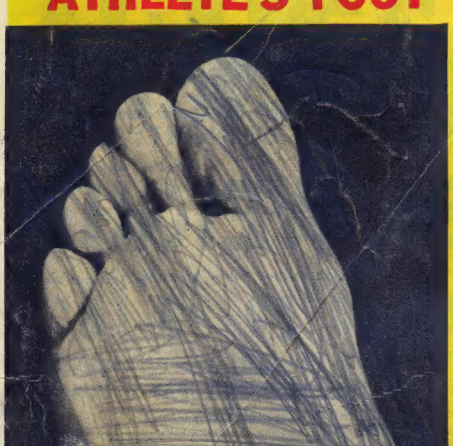

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